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Between the character Souki-san taking

things at his own pace, and Naaga's

having gained a bigger appreciation

value than the protagonist,

Akino is going to get dragged along

by the madness any second now.

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Just when Fuuto is worrying about the discovery of his missing father's camera, a kirin appears before him. Will Fuuto finally be able to meet his father?! An occult romance drawn on a magnificent scale!! Including Specially drawn <bonus pages> in which a mysterious Chinaman makes a guest appearance!!

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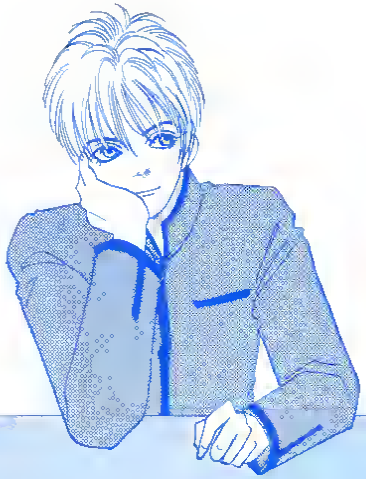

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Story 16
Unvoiced Voices

ZA
YUUUS
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YUUUS
YUUUS

GYAU

BLURRY.
THIS ONE'S BLURRY TOO!!
CAMERA SHAKE FRAME-OUT.
SHUT UP!!
I SAID I COULDN'T TAKE PICTURES, DIDN'T I!?
DON
AGH~~~ NONE OF THESE ARE USEABLE, KAMISHINA.
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS NOW!?

DAD IS DAD.
I'M ME!! THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING!!
HONESTLY, THOUGH, ARE YOU REALLY THE SON OF THE KAMISHINA KENTO?
NOBODY COULD TAKE PICTURES THIS BAD WITH A CAMERA THIS GOOD.
I PUSHED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN OUTSTANDING GRADUATION ALBUM TO PICK YOU, KAMISHINA. ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME LOSE FACE?
LOSE IT ON YOUR OWN!!
YOU GUYS, TOO! TAKE IT EASY.
DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP.
OKAY, OKAY!
WELL, THERE'S NO HELP FOR IT. RIGHT THEN, FUJITO, YOU HELP WITH THE LAYOUT OVER HERE
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT!? THAT STUFF'S A DRAG...
Don't complain!
.....

'GRADUATION ALBUM', HUH... WE'LL PROBABLY ALL JUST GET ADVANCED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT NEXT DOOR (30 SECONDS ON FOOT), ANYWAY
LAZY, LAZY.
.....
ME, TOO WE DON'T HAVE TO KUNI-KUM GRANDMA'S TRACKERS ANY MORE.
LOOKS LIKE I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT TRANSFERRING, NOW.

OH, BUT HEY, KUGAHARA-KUN...
YOU'LL BE GOING TO AN OUTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, WON'T YOU.
THE ONE THAT'S ATTACHED TO XX UNIVERSITY, THEY SAID?
YE... YEAH ...
AWESOME! THAT'S A FEARSOMELY HARD SCHOOL TO GET INTO, RIGHT?
OH, OF COURSE! YOUR FAMILY RUNS A HOSPITAL, DON'T THEY.
IF YOUR SCHOOL'S ATTACHED TO XX, IT'S GOT THE TOP ADVANCEMENT RATE OF STUDENTS INTO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, DOESN'T IT.

JUST LIKE A DOCTOR'S KID.
YOU WERE BORN WITH A BRAIN THAT'S WIRED DIFFERENTLY FROM OURS, HUH
LIKE THEY SAY, 'THE SON OF A FROG IS A FROG'.
.....

HEY, FULITO!
PUT YOUR HEART INTO THIS ONE, 'KAY!!?
DON'T BLAME ME IF IT'S CRAP.
...I DUNNO ABOUT THIS.
Album Committee's Recent Photograph
UH... UH-HUH
...I GUESS WE REALLY DO HAVE TO WORK ON IT SERIOUSLY!
WELL THEN, FOR KUGAHARA-KUN, THIS THING IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE A MEMORIAL OF MEIOU MIDDLE'S GRADUATION, SO
OKAY--
'CHEESE'.

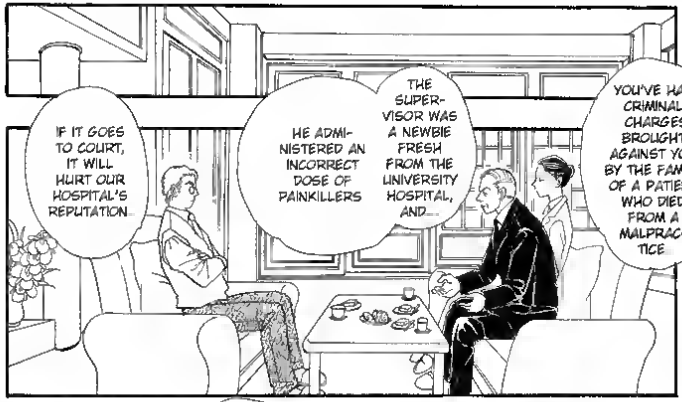
..The poor thing..
WHAT'S HAPPENED?
EH?
LOOK. OVER THERE.
THERE'S A WOUNDED PUPPY ON THE SAND-BAR--
RECENTLY, SOMEONE'S BEEN GOING AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PULLING VICIOUS PRANKS..
LIKE CUTTING THE LEGS OF STRAY CATS AND PIGEONS AND PUTTING OUT POISONED FOOD.
THAT POOR THING... I'M SURE THAT PUPPY WAS HIS DOING, TOO.
.. THERE REALLY ARE VICIOUS PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD, AREN'T THERE.
.....

grrr
HERE. COME HERE
GRRR!
Splash
Splash
AH
BOY!?
Za
Za
IT'S DANGE-ROUS. YOU, BOY...
HE'S AFRAID OF PEOPLE NOW.
THAT'S NO GOOD HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY SPOOKED...
...AH. THAT BIG HOSPITAL IN THE THIRD BLOCK!!
WELL! YOU DON'T SEE MANY CHILDREN LIKE THAT NOWADAYS, DO YOU.
OKAY? LET'S GO.
I'M JUST GOING TO TREAT HIM
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
JUST LIKE A FUTURE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, ISN'T HE.
THAT BOY IS THE SON OF THE KUGAHARA HOSPITAL KUGA-HARAS.
GRU
GRR
JIRA
JIRA

...I'M SORRY.
I JUST... I FELL DOWN.
WELCOME BACK, TSUKASA -SAN...
OH, MY WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR CLOTHES?

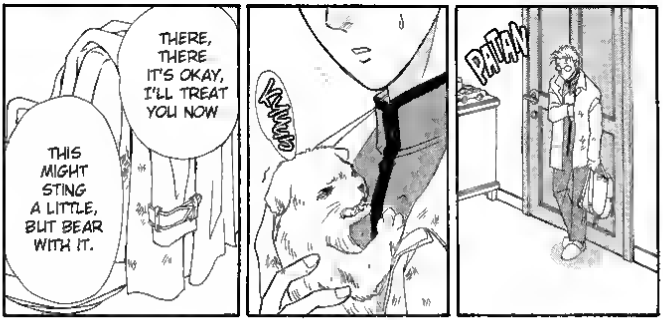
I'M HOME.

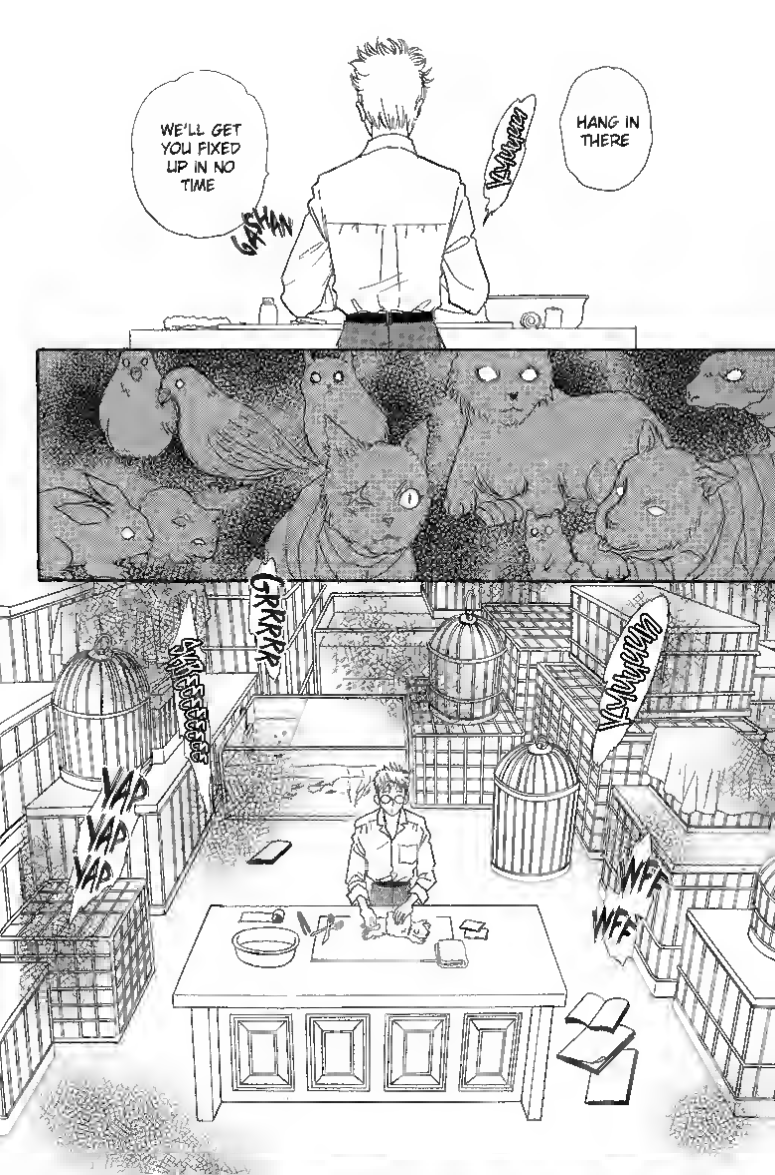
...YES.
LAWYERS. YOU KNOW...
GUE-STS?


IF IT GOES TO COURT, IT WILL HURT OUR HOSPITAL'S REPUTATION.
HE ADMI-NISTERED AN INCORRECT DOSE OF PAINKILLERS
THE SUPER-VISOR WAS A NEWBIE FRESH FROM THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, AND...
YOU'VE HAD CRIMINAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST YOU BY THE FAMILY OF A PATIENT WHO DIED FROM A MALPRAC-TICE

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE COMPLAINING ANYWAY. IT'S AN OBVIOUS POOR PEOPLES' SCHEME.
JUST UP THE CONSOLATION MONEY
...AND YOU WERE HOPING THERE'D BE A WAY TO GET THE CHARGES WITHDRAWN, CORRECT?

ANYWAY, WASN'T HE AN OLD GUY IN THE LAST STAGES OF CANCER, WHO WOULD'VE DIED SOON IN ANY CASE.
HAH
TSU-KASA-SAN!?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS.
NOW, GO ON AHEAD TO YOUR ROOM.
...OKAY


THERE, THERE IT'S OKAY, I'LL TREAT YOU NOW
THIS MIGHT STING A LITTLE, BUT BEAR WITH IT.
KYAUU
PATH


WE'LL GET YOU FIXED UP IN NO TIME
HANG IN THERE
GRRRRR
YAP YAP YAP
WFF WFF

FULITO -KUN!
FULITO -KUN!!
THAT FILM I ASKED YOU FOR A WHILE AGO?
bata
bata
I DEVE-LOPED IT IN THE LAB HERE, BUT...
THESE WOULDN'T BE--
SPIRIT PHOTO-GRAPHS !?
...THAT'S WHY I KEEP SAYIN'
I AM BAD. AT TAKING PICTURES.

AH-- THOSE THINGS THAT SHOW UP ALL THE TIME ON 'UNBELIEVABLE', RIGHT.
THE TRICK OF RECORDING SOULS INVISIBLE TO PEOPLE ON PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER.
WHAT IS A 'SPIRIT PHOTO-GRAPH', HEN?
I'M VERY SORRY SIR THE FILM WAS ALL EXPOSED AND WE COULDN'T DEVELOP IT
FUUTO-- YOU BROKE PAP'S CAMERA, DIDN'T YOU
SENSEI-- THERE'S SOME#ODY I PUNNO IN THIS GROUP PHOTO ~~
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, YOUR HOLINESS. ♡
AT ANY RATE, THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY YET ANOTHER OF YOUR POWERS AS HIGH PRIEST
SHUT UP, YOU GUYS!
..LOOKS LIKE WE SHOULD'VE JUST LEFT IT ALONE
HE DOES APPEAR TO HAVE SOME ASSOCIATED TRAUMA, YES.
MAKES ME SO MAD
DAMMIT
KUFF
KUFF

WHAT'S THIS--
EH?
BUT THESE ALL SEEM TO BE OLD EARTH-BOUND SPIRITS. .
OR GUARDIAN SPIRITS. NOTHING PARTICU-LARLY HARMFUL.
AH...!! MY HAND SHOOK, SO THE IMAGE GOT DOUBLED
--NO ..
WAIT A SEC. THAT'S NOT ALL.
THAT BLACK FOG BEHIND KUWAHARA--

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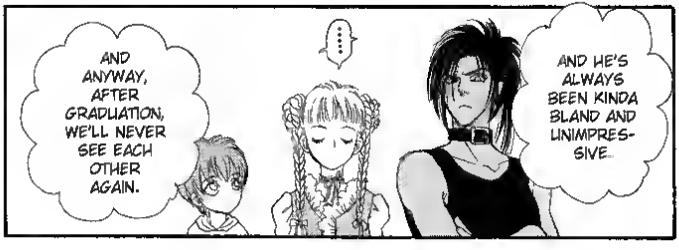
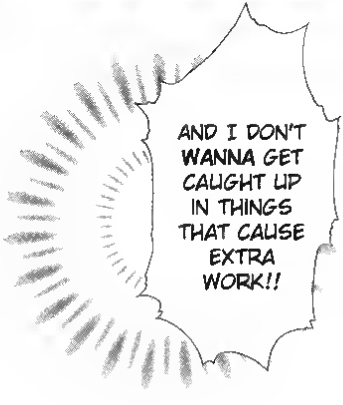
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS.
I'VE NEVER EVEN REALLY TALKED TO HIM BEFORE.
NO...
NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
Ahem
DOES DANGER THREATEN ONE OF YOUR SCHOOL COMPANIONS?





MOR-NING.
KAMI-SHINA..-KUN?
S'UP.
YOUR SHOULDERS AREN'T STIFF OR ANYTHING, RIGHT? SOUNDS WEIRD...
?
'WHAT'S UP WITH YOU LATELY' IS KINDA ABRUPT...
?
GEEZ, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BRING THIS UP?

ABSO-LUTELY IMPOS-SIBLE.
NAW, THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
HUH!?
YOU DON'T PLAN TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTO-GRAPHER?
I'VE GOT ZERO ARTISTIC SENSE.
WELL, IF YOU WANT SPIRIT PHOTO-GRAPHS I'M A PRO. BUT...

UH...UM, LISTEN, KAMI-SHINA-KUN.
YOU... YOU'RE, UM...
EH-?
YEAH. WHAT WHAT?

AND THEN, TO TOP IT ALL OFF, YOU GO MISSING AND MAKE EVERYONE WORRY--
WELL, THE REAL STORY IS THAT YOUR INCOME'S NOT STEADY, AND YOU'RE ALWAYS AWAY FROM HOME.
..HEH.
BUT HAVING A JOB LIKE THAT, WHERE YOU CAN JET AROUND THE GLOBE, IS PRETTY COOL, ISN'T IT?
..HEY, KUGA-HARA.. DO YOU REALLY NOT WANT TO..
BE A DOCTOR, OR SOME-THING--?
I... IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO..!!
.....
KAMI-SHINA -KUN, YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING.
SAYING YOU HATE SOMETHING OUT LOUD, JUST LIKE THAT...
ANYWAY, THERE'S NO WAY I'M DOING THE SAME JOB AS THAT SELF-CENTERED GUY.

EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, I GREW UP HEARING HOW MY DAD'S JOB WAS SO NOBLE, HOW IT SAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES
I.. I WOULDN'T REALLY HATE IT.. OR ANY-THING..
SO I STUDY ...
EVERY DAY, LIKE MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT...
HAVING SOMEONE JUST SAY, 'OF COURSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT' BECAUSE OF THOSE MAKES ME SICK.
STUFF LIKE 'BLOOD-LINES' AND 'HERE-DITY'..
AND JUST FORGET ABOUT 'REINCAR-NATIONS'..
YEAH, I BET.
IS THAT RIGHT.
IT'S PRETTY ROUGH ON YOU, TOO, HUH
DID OUR CLOSENESS LEVEL JUST SPIKE?
HUH?
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WE'VE GOT THIS FREAKIN' BIG BIRD AT MY HOUSE, YOU KNOW.
YE... YEAH. SORT OF.
EH?
HE-HEY, BY THE WAY... DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS AT YOUR HOUSE?
YEAH, I KNOW. THE PRETTY ONE THAT LOOKS A BIT LIKE A PHEASANT.
OF COURSE !!
...HEY. DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD COME OVER TO YOUR HOUSE SOMETIME, COULD I?
WOW!! I HAD NO IDEA ..
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A DOG AND A MONKEY, TOO--
...PLEASE COME IN. IT'S MESSY, BUT...
WHOA. BIG OL' HOUSE
久賀原病院

--SO-
THESE ARE PETS ...?
IT'S JUST LIKE A VET'S OFFICE.
YOUR FAMILY'S SIDE JOB OR SOMETHING?
...HA HA...
...LISTEN. LATELY, THERE'VE BEEN INCIDENTS OF ABUSE AGAINST STRAY DOGS AND CATS, YOU KNOW?
IT LOOKS LIKE THESE GUYS GOT WORKED OVER BY THE SAME PERSON.
I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE THEM...
HURTING ANIMALS THIS SMALL, THINGS THAT CAN'T EVEN TALK... THE GUY'S A COWARD.
...I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM...!!

I WONDER WHO GOT YOU LOOKIN' LIKE THAT.
HISSS
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE STOPPED TRUSTING HUMANS--
AH- BE CAREFUL
...THA-
THAT'S NOT ..
KUGAHARA .. YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD GUY, AREN'T YOU.
'CAN'T EVEN TALK', HUH..
HISSS
IT'S OKAY ...
.....
GRRRR
MYUUUU

SEE?
PUTT
PUTT
KAMI-SHINA-KUN, YOU'RE THE AMAZING ONE.
I'VE LOOKED AFTER HIM, AND FED HIM, AND HE HASN'T EVEN WARMED UP TO ME...
KON
KON
GAICHA
TSU-KASA?
I HEAR YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND OVER?
DAD..
...
HEYA... SIR. SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
WELL, I DO THINK THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME TSUKASA'S BROUGHT A FRIEND HOME.
HUH... THAT SO?
HE'S A GOOD-NATURED KID, BUT HE'S GOT A BIT OF AN ANTI-SOCIAL SIDE TO HIM
ST-STOP IT, DAD.

PLEASE TREAT TSUKASA RIGHT.
SEE YOU, THEN.
UM...
WELL, EVEN AFTER YOU'VE GRADUATED, STOP BY OUR PLACE TO VISIT ONCE IN A WHILE.
... YEAH
YEAH... I PLAN TO.
YOU'LL BE ADVANCING TO MEIOU'S HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION, THEN?
EH!?
NO, I DON'T NEED-- THAT'S-
HA HA HA! NO NEED TO HOLD BACK.
--HERE IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT...
BUY YOURSELF SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME.
YOUR DAD... IS AWE-SOME!
HE'S GENE-ROUS, AND HE THINKS ABOUT YOU...
AND THEN HE'S GOT-- WHAT DO THEY CALL THAT HAIR, 'ROMANCE GREY'? JUST LIKE THE DOCTORS OR COMPANY PRESIDENT-TYPES THAT TURN UP ON TV SHOWS
HE'S LIKE THE 'IDEAL DAD', YOU KNOW?
KUGA-HARA?
NFF NFF NFF
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA

...AH ...?
WHAT?
KUGA-HARA!!
...HEY. THE PERSON WHO HURT THESE GUYS...
YAP YAP
WHY DON'T I CATCH HIM FOR YA?
YOU CAN DO THAT!?
EH!?
...MM.. YEAH, PLEASE DO
I... ME, TOO-- IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, I'LL HELP!!
REA-LLY !?
LET'S JUST SAY I MIGHT HAVE A HUNCH.
WELL... SORT OF.

--BUT IT'S NOT EVEN DAWN YET...
FU UU UU
WERE YOU NOT THE ONE WHO SAID HE WOULD CATCH THE CULPRIT BEHIND THE ANIMAL ABUSE?
HIGH PRIEST! MORE GRACE, IF YOU PLEASE!
YEAH AND NO. WE GOT THE GUY'S NAME STRAIGHT FROM ONE OF THE ACTUAL VICTIMS.
AH- THAT'S RIGHT. WE CAN TALK TO ANY ANIMAL ANYWHERE, CAN'T WE.
RIGHT, GARUDA?
RIGHT... DO YOU REALLY HAVE AN IDEA?
....THE CRIMES ARE GENERALLY CARRIED OUT AROUND THIS TIME.
FURTHER-MORE, ACCORDING TO CONVER-SATIONS WITH OTHER EYEWITNES-SES...
NO, WE CAN'T! WE'VE GOT TO HAND HIM OVER TO THE POLICE, PROPERLY, SO HE GETS HIS DUE PUNISHMENT.
CLRK CLRK
FINE THEN, LET'S CATCH HIM FAST AND WORK HIM OVER GOOD!

HEY, WAIT A SECOND !!
WHY AM I THE BAIT~~!?
BANG
THIS WILL GET US THE 'MOMENT OF TRUTH' AS SOLID EVIDENCE, SO HE'LL BE ARRESTED IN THE ACT.
ALL TRUE, BUT THE POLICE WON'T BELIEVE TESTIMONIES FROM ANIMALS.
That's just like you, Mister Reliable!
It's a waterproof camera
Helper
-SSH
HE'S COMING.
WELL, DUH! LIKE WE CAN SACRIFICE ANY MORE WEAK STRAY CATS OR PIGEONS!?
SNIFF
NOW PLAY LITTLE AND CUTE AND CRY LIKE YOU MEAN IT

BANANA
GASHI
!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.

UUGH-
I GOT IT!
THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!
.....
KUGA-HARA. TSU-KASA!!
?
.....
KAMISHINA -KUN. GOOD MORNING

YEAH, IT IS, KUGAHARA.
THE WOUNDS OF THE ANIMALS IN HERE, TOO.
THEY WERE ALL CAUSED BY YOU
THI...THIS IS ME!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
I-IT'S A LIE!
THAT'S GOT TO BE A LIE!!
I- I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING!
YOU CAN'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING NOW!!
BA-DUM
TSUKASA-SAN? WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S SO EARLY...
OH? YOU'RE THE BOY FROM YESTER-DAY...
NO- MOM .. DAD...
WHAT!? WHAT'S THIS PHOTO?!!
IT MEANS THE CULPRIT BEHIND THE RECENT CASES OF ANIMAL ABUSE IS TSUKASA.
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

TSUKASA, IS THIS TRUE!?
IT'S SOME KIND OF MISTAKE, ISN'T IT, TSUKASA -CHAN. YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE.
EH?
...DON'T ...RE-MEM ...
I...I DON'T REMEM-BER.
WHATEVER HAPPENS EVERY MORNING WHILE I'M OUT JOGGING--
I CAN'T REMEM-BER IT...!!
...TSU-KASA...
MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME.
A TYPE OF FRAGMENTED IDENTITY DISORDER

MAYU...
WE BROUGHT HER ALONG WITH US.
FRAG-MEN-TED--
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MULTIPLE PERSONA-LITIES?
EVEN IF IT'S OUT-SIDE YOUR SPECIALTY, YOU MUST KNOW THE NAME.
'MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME'-- ALSO KNOWN AS 'HERO-BY-PROXY SYNDROME'
A NERVOUS DISEASE..
IN ORDER TO FULFILL YOUR OWN LONGINGS FOR HERO-ISM...
YOU CREATE VICTIMS SO THAT YOU CAN SAVE THEM
IN OTHER WORDS, SO THAT HE WOULD BE ADMIRED BY OTHERS DURING THE DAY FOR PROTECTING WOUNDED SMALL ANIMALS
HE WENT AROUND BEFORE DAWN AND HURT ABANDONED SMALL ANIMALS
HOWEVER, THE DAWN AND DAYLIGHT TSUKASA -KUN'S HAVE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CHARACTERS.
THEY AREN'T EVEN AWARE OF EACH OTHER'S EXISTENCE.
WHAT... HOW AWFUL...
ANIMAL ABUSE IS AN OFFICIAL CRIME.
THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SCALPEL AND DRUGS USED TO INJURE THE ANIMALS CAME FROM THIS CLINIC IS HIGH.
IF AN INVESTIGATION IS STARTED, THEY'LL PROVE IT RIGHT AWAY.

TSU-KASA
.....
DO-DON'T WORRY.
YOUR DAD'LL DO SOME-THING.
I'LL GET YOU A GOOD LAWYER.
YOU'RE A MINOR, SO THEY'LL CONCEAL YOUR NAME.
THERE'S 'JUVENILE LAW' AS WELL, AND WE CAN BRING IN A 'PSYCHO-LOGICAL EVALUA-TION'.
OF COURSE! YOU TWO! KEEP THIS QUIET FOR US, PLEASE
IF IT'S COMPEN-SATION YOU WANT, I'LL PAY WHATEVER YOU ASK
A-ANYWAY, THEY'RE JUST STRAY, ABANDONED DOGS AND SUCH...
IT'S NOTHING TO MAKE A BIG FUSS OVER--
UG...
TSU-KASA !?
AAAAAA

SO YOU CAME OUT, HUH
THE THING THAT SHOWED UP AS A DOUBLE-IMAGE, DUE TO CAMERA SHAKE
KUGAHARA'S OTHER FACE
HI.. HIS FACE..
IT'S LIKE HE'S ANOTHER PERSON ...!?
UOOAAA AAAAA
COWARD!!
TSUKASA. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU.
HURTING ANIMALS THAT CAN'T EVEN TALK--- THAT'S COWARDICE, YOU SAID!!
UUU

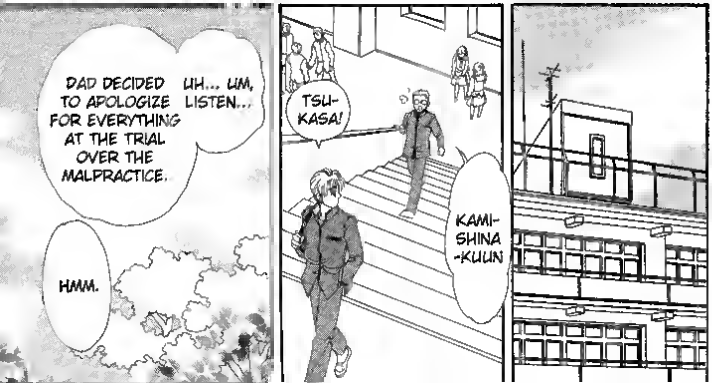
STOP!!
STOP IT!
STOP IT!
IT HURTS!
WFF WFF
YAWN YAWN
BUT—
THEIR VOICES--
YOU HEARD THEM TOO, DIDN'T YOU!?
STOP... IT!
TSUKASA!
YOU'VE GOT A VOICE TOO, DON'T YOU.
JUST SAY IT. IN YOUR OWN WORDS--
..DAD..
...TSU-KASA!?
ENOUGH! STOP IT!

GIVING MONEY TO MY FRIENDS WHEN THEY COME OVER...
THE TIME I TOOK THE TEST FOR THE OTHER HIGH SCHOOL...
GLOSSING OVER MALPRACTICES...
STOP IT... ENOUGH ALREADY!!
THINKING MONEY CAN SOLVE ANYTHING..
...TOP ...IT
...ENOUGH.
STOP IT... DAD...!!
I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT
AND THAT BEING A DOCTOR WAS A NOBLE PROFESSION ..
I... I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE... A GREAT PERSON.
I DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO A GROWN-UP LIKE YOU.
...BUT RIGHT NOW, DAD, YOU'RE A COWARD.

I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A DOCTOR ANYMORE!
...AH...

TSU.. TSU-KASA
HA
HEY, TSUKASA. WAY TO SAY IT.
YOU SAID 'NO'.
KA.. KAMI-SHINA-KUN
BU... BUT, I... I WAS THINKING OF... OF YOU.
WOR-KING AS HARD AS I COULD.. FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HOSPITAL, AND YOUR MOTHER, AND YOU.
KOIK
!?
VREEEN
MISTER.
THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE PLANNING ON THREATENING YOU OVER TSUKASA'S THING OR THE MALPRACTICES.
BUT.
'SMART, SENSIBLE PEOPLE'... WILL DEFINITELY PASS THIS OFF AS A TRICK, YOU KNOW.
WELL, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT'S UP TO YOU, BUT..
HERE

YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO RECOGNIZE THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU IN THAT PHOTO, DO YOU?
?
THI... THIS IS~~~


UH... UM, LISTEN...
DAD DECIDED TO APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYTHING AT THE TRIAL OVER THE MALPRACTICE.
HMM.
TSU-KASA!
KAMI-SHINA -KUUN

ME .. ME, TOO--
WHAT!? YOU'RE GOING TO DROP YOUR MEDICAL SCHOOL PLANS?
N... NO.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN EVER...
ATONE FOR THE ANIMALS I'VE INJURED UP UNTIL NOW...
...BUT I THINK I'LL BECOME A VETERI-NARIAN
HMMM.

WELL
WELL THAT'S COOL, ISN'T IT?
YOU REALLY ARE SUITED TO BE A DOCTOR, Y'KNOW

Bonus Pg

Genjuu Files

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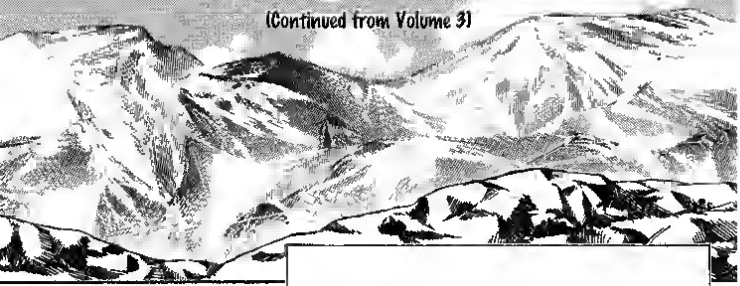

Souki (kirin), who is the oldest and occupies the highest seat among the active guardian beasts. While he holds the power to recognize the true High Priest he maintains a neutral position in the quarrel between Naaga and Garuda. He is able to travel impossible distances in a day, and makes the rounds of the sacred mountains - yesterday on Tai Shan, today on Kun Lun - never lingering in one place. In exchange for his eyesight, he has the ability to read others' minds.

No. 7 Souki

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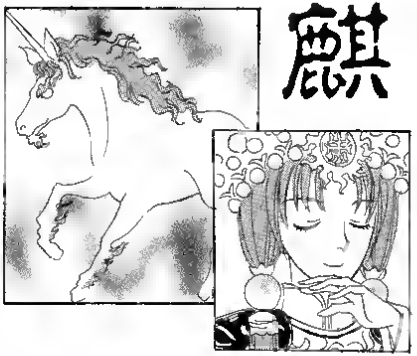

A SACRED BEAST WHOSE APPEARANCE IS SAID TO CONTROL THE FORTUNES OF NATIONS. A UNICORN IN THE WEST. IN CONTRAST TO HIS SOBER COUNTENANCE, HIS CHARACTER IS SNEAKY AND BRUTAL. AND HE'S ACTUALLY AN OLD GEEZER. (A TALK WITH GENROU)

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PLEASE SUPPORT MATSURI AKINO AND BUY HER BOOKS!!

Story 17
Bond of Fate

FU WO WO
OKAY, YOUR HOLINESS, IT'S YOUR TURN.
--AH?
HEY-- HOLD IT, HANUMAN
WAIT ON THAT HAND!
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BEEEH-- WE AGREED NOT TO CALL 'WAIT' PAST THE THIRD ROUND, DIDN'T WE?
SHUT UP! THOSE ARE MY ORDERS!
THAT'S NOT FAAAAAIR, YOUR HOLI-NESS~~
COME NOW, YOU TWO.
TIDY UP YOUR MESS OVER THERE.
WE CAN'T CLEAN PROPERLY WITH THAT IN THE WAY, NOW CAN WE?

WHAT THE--!? GARUDA, WHAT'S WITH THE APRON?!!
AHH... IT WAS LOANED TO ME BY MAYU-DONO, BUT--
LOOKS GOOD ON HIM, DOESN'T IT
GYAHA HAHA!!! THAT'S THE 'NAKED APRON' LOOK, RIGHT THERE!
Hnn- Stop it!
EEEH~~~ IS-IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT THIS~~~!?
OI OI! WHY DON'T ALL YOU LIVELY YOUNG PEOPLE NOT STAY COOPED UP INSIDE ALL THE TIME AND COME OUT AND PLAY ONCE IN A WHILE, HUH?
GEN-ROU
..YEAH, WHY NOT
HOW ABOUT BADMINTON OR SOME-THING, THEN?
--MEANING, THE ONE WHO WANTS TO PLAY THE MOST IS YOU, I BET
YA-AY!
OKAY-- BADMINTON, RIGHT!
HAH
Clash
BRING IT ON!
Wag
Wag
IS THAT HIS TAIL!? IS THAT WHAT THIS IS!?
THAT... THAT COULDN'T

BETWEEN THIS AND THAT, IT'S BEEN A FEW MONTHS SINCE I STARTED LIVING WITH THESE GUYS.
WELL, I GUESS MAYBE STUFF LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN... MAYBE
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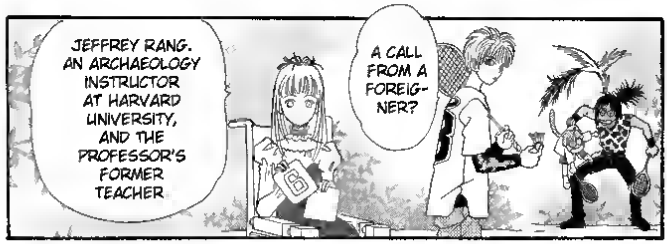
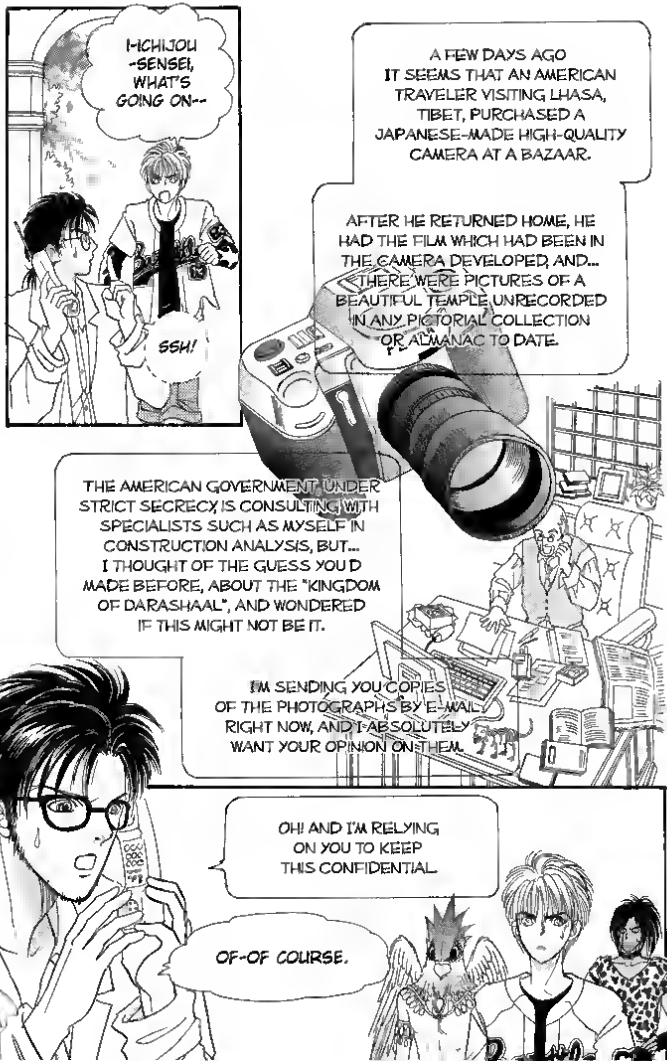
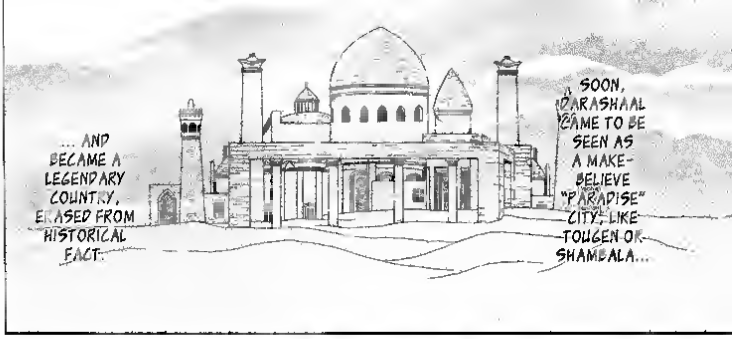

JEFFREY RANG. AN ARCHAEOLOGY INSTRUCTOR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, AND THE PROFESSOR'S FORMER TEACHER
A CALL FROM A FOREIG-NER?

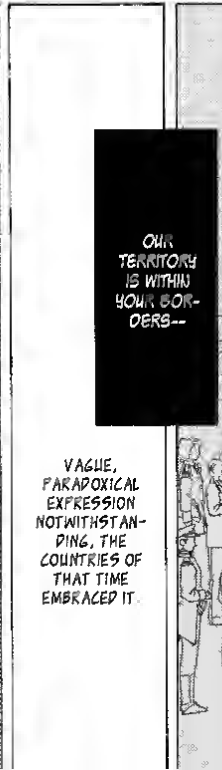

ICHIJOU -SENSEI, WHAT'S GOING ON--
SSH!
A FEW DAYS AGO IT SEEMS THAT AN AMERICAN TRAVELER VISITING LHASA, TIBET, PURCHASED A JAPANESE-MADE HIGH-QUALITY CAMERA AT A BAZAAR.
AFTER HE RETURNED HOME, HE HAD THE FILM WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE CAMERA DEVELOPED, AND... THERE WERE PICTURES OF A BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE UNRECORDED IN ANY PICTORIAL COLLECTION OR ALMANAC TO DATE.
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, UNDER STRICT SECRECY, IS CONSULTING WITH SPECIALISTS SUCH AS MYSELF IN CONSTRUCTION ANALYSIS, BUT... I THOUGHT OF THE GUESS YOU'D MADE BEFORE, ABOUT THE "KINGDOM OF DARASHAAL", AND WONDERED IF THIS MIGHT NOT BE IT.
I'M SENDING YOU COPIES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS BY E-MAIL RIGHT NOW, AND I ABSOLUTELY WANT YOUR OPINION ON THEM.
OH! AND I'M RELYING ON YOU TO KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL.
OF-OF COURSE.

PROFESSOR, THE MAIL'S ARRIVED.
I'M OPENING THE ATTACH-MENT
THI-THIS IS---
...MOST CERTAINLY DARA-SHAAL'S MAIN PALACE...
ITS PARK...
THE CLOISTER IN THE TEMPLE OF THE ORACLE--

HI-HIGH PRIEST!
YOU REMEMBER THESE SIGHTS AS WELL, DO YOU NOT!?
YE... YEAH.
I SAW THAT WHEN I GOT LOST IN THE DESERT IN SOU-CHAN'S ROOM.
I THINK I SAW..
IF IT'S THAT ONION-DOME ROOF...
HIGH PRIEST...!?
THA-THAT ISN'T WHAT I MEANT--
...AND WAS SAID TO BE AN ILLUSORY KINGDOM FOUND ONLY BY TRAVELERS LOST AND DYING IN THE DESERT, WHO WANDERED TO IT AND WERE GIVEN TREATMENT...
BUT WERE UNABLE TO FIND IT AGAIN WHEN THEY TRIED TO RETURN.
HMM... CERTAINLY, DARASHAAL IS MENTIONED IN ANCIENT HISTORY AS AN OASIS CITY ON THE SILK ROAD...


... AND BECAME A LEGENDARY COUNTRY, ERASED FROM HISTORICAL FACT.
SOON, DARASHAAL CAME TO BE SEEN AS A MAKE-BELIEVE "PARADISE" CITY, LIKE TOUGEN OR SHAMBALA...

AND THEN, DARASHAAL SANK INTO ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS' SLUMBER.
SINCE, EVEN THOUGH TRAVEL FACILITIES HAVE PROGRESSED, IT HASN'T BEEN SEEN EVEN WITH AIRPLANES AND GPS SATELLITES AND APPEARS ON NO MAPS. THE CITY OF DARASHAAL HAS BECOME A FAMOUS FICTITIOUS NATION.


OUR TERRITORY IS WITHIN YOUR BORDERS--
VAGUE, PARADOXICAL EXPRESSION NOTWITHSTANDING, THE COUNTRIES OF THAT TIME EMBRACED IT.

THEN, A HUNDRED YEARS AGO... AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY, A PERSON WHO MADE HIMSELF KNOWN AS THE HIGH PRIEST OF DARASHAAL APPEARED WITHOUT WARNING AT A CONFUSED POLITICIAN'S CAMPAIGN STAGE AND MADE A ONE-SIDED NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH DARASHAAL'S BORDERING COUNTRIES.

...UNTIL JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO, WHEN THE ACCESSION OF THE 42ND HIGH PRIEST PLUNGED INTO THE NEWS.
AND THE FACT THAT, WITH THESE, SO MUCH CONCRETE PROOF HAS APPEARED--
THIS MEANS THAT THE MYSTERY OF THE ILLUSORY COUNTRY, SHROUDED IN A SACRED VEIL FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS, MAY FINALLY BE SOLVED!
AND I'M SAYING, 'SO WHAT?'!!
HI.. HIGH PRIEST ...
WHY DO THEY THINK THIS HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY DAD!? JAPANESE-MADE CAMERAS--
FUUTO... LOOK.
THIS NEXT PHOTO-GRAPH.
NOWADAYS, PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE THOSE!!

TH... THIS IS--
--DAD ...!?
THERE'S NO MIS-TAKE! IT'S MY DAD!!
DAD IS IN DARA-SHAAL ...!?
.....
...HE'S ALIVE-- HE'S ALIVE!!

WHY IS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT RUNNING A TOP SECRET INVESTI-GATION!?
WHY JUST THE CAMERA ---!?
...HANG ON... WHY DIDN'T THEY CONTACT US RIGHT AWAY, THEN!?
AS I SAID, THIS IS A HUGE CULTURAL DISCOVERY, BUT IT'S ALSO A COMPLICATED POLITICAL MATTER.
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT COULD DECIDE TO TAKE IN DARASHAAL AS A SELF-GOVERNING PART OF ITSELF, THE WAY IT DID WITH TIBET...
CA- CALM DOWN, FUJITO -KUN.
USUALLY HEY HAVE TO NOTIFY THE FAMILY FIRST, RIGHT!?
THE AMERICAN GOVERN-MENT WILL PROBABLY BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT THEIR PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-MENT.
WE COULD SEE DESTRUCTION SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BAAMIYAAN STONE BUDDHA A WHILE AGO.
AND IF THE PRESENT LOCATION HAPPENS TO BE IN THE TERRITORY OF A MUSLIM FUNDAMEN-TALIST FACTION...

LET ME GO MEET DAD, PLEASE.
WHERE IS HE NOW!?
..HE.. HE'S MY DAD, YOU KNOW!
POLITICS AND 'CULTURAL INHERITANCE' HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!
FUUTO.
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE LAST ONE
Pa
THERE'S ONE MORE PHOTO COMING
...!!

NAAGA-SAMA...
THI--
THIS IS---
...UU...
UWAAH
HIGH PRI-EST !?
UWAAAAAAAAAAAA

TCH
HI-HIGH PRIEST... PLEASE CALM YOUR-SELF--
FUUTO!

FUU-
TO!!
HIGH
PRIEST
!!

LET'S JUST LET HIM REST FOR A WHILE.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. HIS PULSE HAS SETTLED DOWN, TOO.
BATH
PROFE-SSOR ICHIJOU.
I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND, BUT...
..SOME-HOW...
SORRY.. LOOKS LIKE I.. DID IT AGAIN, DIDN'T I.
ARE YOU OKAY !?
WHEN I SAW THAT GUY'S FACE, I JUST--
IT DOES
..MM.

.....
.. AS I THOUGHT, THE HIGH PRIEST DOES REMEMBER.
NAAGA'S FACE ..
MY CHEST SUDDENLY STARTED TO HURT...
AND I GOT THIS REAL NASTY FEELING--
..YEAH.
HE DIDN'T HAVE THAT REACTION WHEN HE MET US OR LAMIA FOR THE FIRST TIME..
WELL, HE SENT US FLYING RIGHT AFTERWARDS, BUT...
...IT IS LIKELY...
...THAT, WERE HE TO SEE MY FACE, IT WOULD MAKE HIM REMEMBER AS WELL.

THE MEMORIES OF HIS PRE-DECESSOR, WHO DIED HATING ME--

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH KAMISHINA KENTO'S CAMERA HAS SUCCESSFULLY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO AMERICA.
...AND THAT THE NEWS HAS REACHED KAMISHINA FUMITO IN JAPAN.

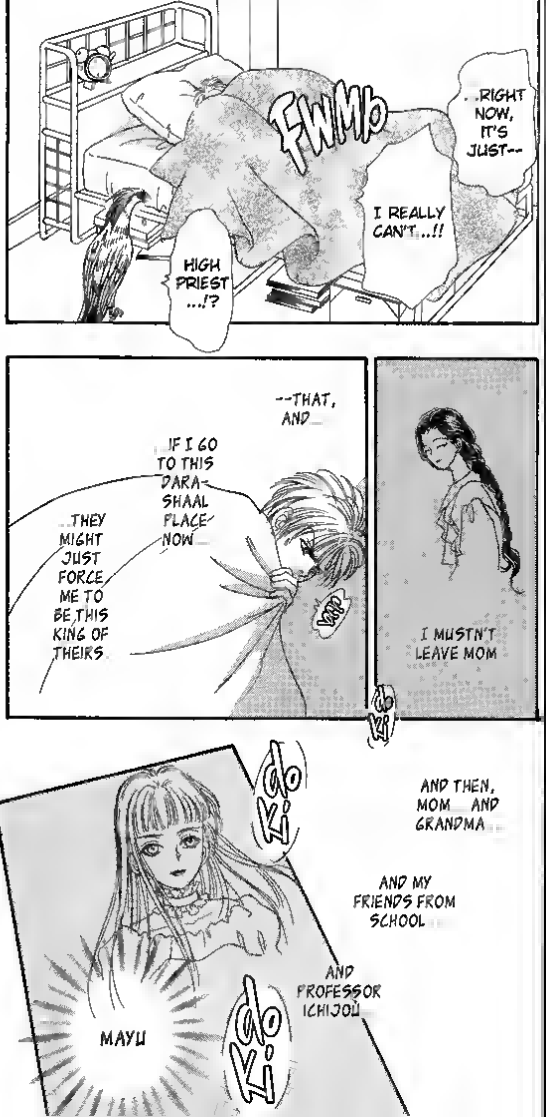
NOW, HOW WILL YOU MOVE?
FALSE HIGH PRIEST...
...AND GARUDA.

I'M BACK--
WELCOME HOME, FUJITO -CHAN.
YOU'RE LATE TONIGHT, FUJITO.
GRAND-MA
TODAY MOTHER AND I WENT TO SEE A PLAY, AND THEN WENT SHOPPING..
WE THOUGHT WE'D HAVE DINNER TOGETHER WITH YOU, FUJITO-CHAN, BUT I'M AFRAID WE WENT AHEAD AND ATE.
..SORRY. I ATE ON THE WAY HOME, ANYWAY.
NEXT TIME, LET'S TAKE FUJITO-CHAN TO AN ONSEN WITH US.
MY! MOTHER! HOW MARVE-LOUS!♡
..I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING NOT YET.

FOR THE MOMENT, UNTIL THE OFFICIAL NOTICE COMES IN FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LET'S KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM YOUR MOTHER.
WE MUSTN'T CAUSE HER FALSE HOPE OR EXTRA WORRY.
ABOUT DAD'S CAMERA BEING FOUND...
AND THAT HE MIGHT BE ALIVE
PAPAH
MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF THE OTHER PARTY FINDS OUT THAT WE'VE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION, IT COULD TURN IRRITATING
I'M SURE THAT, IN ORDER TO PINPOINT DARASHAAL'S EXACT LOCATION, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOW THE CAMERA CAME TO BE AT A BAZAAR IN LHASA, AND NEWS OF MISTER KENTO, AND THE LIKE
AND I'LL CONTACT PROFESSOR RANG AND GATHER MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, SO
ALL RIGHT, FUUTO-KUN? FOR NOW--
HIGH PRIEST.
I KNOW.

JUST LIKE ALWAYS, DAD...
I'M JUST GOING TO SHOOT SOME PHOTOS.
THIS TIME I'LL PROBABLY CLIMB FROM TIBET INTO THE HIMALAYAS, OR SOMETHING
A MONTH WENT BY AFTER HE WAS SCHEDULED TO COME HOME, WITH NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER...
AND THEN THREE MONTHS... HALF A YEAR--
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THE SEARCH PARTIES GAVE UP.
THINKING ABOUT IT RATIONALLY, I KNOW IT WAS "HOPELESS".
BUT AS LONG AS THEY DIDN'T FIND A BODY, THERE WAS ALWAYS A 'MAYBE' OUT THERE--
I KNOW MOM AND GRANDMA ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT, TOO.
ACTUALLY, EVEN ONE FRAGMENT OF BONE WOULD'VE BEEN FINE...
IF THERE HAD BEEN ONE SOLID PIECE OF EVIDENCE, THEY COULD'VE GIVEN UP--

I WANT TO GO TO TIBET RIGHT THIS SECOND AND SEE THIS WITH MY OWN EYES!
DAMMIT ...!!
AND THEN TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT DAD LIKE THIS--
I WANT TO FLY RIGHT TO THAT TEMPLE WHERE DAD WAS STANDING!!
...HIGH PRIEST...
THE-THEN, YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO DEPART FOR DARA-SHAAL---!?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..RIGHT NOW, IT'S JUST--
I REALLY CAN'T..!!
HIGH PRIEST ...!?
--THAT, AND...
...IF I GO TO THIS DARA-SHAAL PLACE NOW...
...THEY MIGHT JUST FORCE ME TO BE THIS KING OF THEIRS...
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I MUSTN'T LEAVE MOM
...I CAN'T.
do ki
AND THEN, MOM... AND GRANDMA...
AND MY FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL...
AND PROFESSOR ICHIJOU...
MAYU
do ki
do ki

I DON'T WANT TO GET CUT OFF FROM EVERY-BODY --!!
HIGH PRIEST

ピンポーン
MAYU?
Yawn~
LET'S GO PLAY OUTSIDE SOMEWHERE TODAY
...NAW... SORRY I DON'T FEEL LIKE--
THE ICHIJOU RESIDENCE IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING INTERIOR REPAIRS
WE PACKED A LUNCH, EVEN..
Look

OH...
OKAY.
FINE.
...THIS COULDN'T BE...
THEY WOULDN'T BE WORRIED ABOUT ME, WOULD THEY!?

EVERYBODY'S PROBABLY GOT THEIR OWN STUFF TO DEAL WITH, BUT...
...AND LOVE...
...AND WORK...
THINGS LIKE EXAMS...
SOMEHOW, EVERYBODY LOOKS SO PEACEFUL...
AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF, GETS SOME BIRD-HEADED MONSTER, A MONKEY AND A DOG COMING TO PICK HIM UP WITH THIS "YOU'RE THE REINCARNATION OF THE KING OF AN IMAGINARY COUNTRY" LINE...
HAS A MISSING DAD AND A GRANDMA IN THE YAKUZA
A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER WHO'S GOTTEN STINK-EYED SINCE HE WAS LITTLE BECAUSE OF SOME WEIRD POWER HE WAS BORN WITH...
DAMMIT!! WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS ALL THIS CRAP~~~
RANSACK JAPAN, AND YOU AIN'T GONNA FIND ANYONE ELSE LIKE THAT ~~!!
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..DOESN'T HE SEEM TO BE MORE DEPRESSED NOW?
.....

WHAT'S THAT?
ゴゴゴゴゴ…
OH, NOOO--LIGHT-NING!?
AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?
ピカッ
ゴロゴロ…
HIGH PRIEST----!?
HEY, THIS ONE'S NOT MY FAULT!
MY .. MY EARS ARE RING-ING---
KYAA!
THE AIR PRES-SURE'S DECREA-SING RAPIDLY.
WHAT IS THIS!? THIS STRANGE PRESSURE --!?
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, GENROU!
GEN-CHAN. ♡

SOUKI -DONO --!!
Oh my
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE.
SO-
Hey man it's a real bad idea to ignore me here.
YOU WANNA GO, I'LL FIGHT YA.
AH- SOUKI -SAMA.
WHA- WHAT IS IT!?
A NEW ENEMY!?

WHICH IS IT!?
WHAT, HE'S AN ALLY!?
HEYA, HANUMAN, HOW ARE YOU?
YAAAAY! IT'S BEEN SO LONG! ♡
...HOH...
PANT
EH?
KIRIN.
YOU KNOW MY FORM, YOUNG MISS?
...LET'S SEE.

...MY APOLOGIES.
MY EYES ARE NOT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE.
Grrr
S·A
Pshi
DON'T TOUCH HER!
OH--!
SO I'M AFRAID I'VE DEVELOPED THE HABIT OF TOUCHING THE FACES OF PEOPLE I'VE JUST MET.
I..IS THAT RIGHT
SO... SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW--
NO, IT'S NOTHING.

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Shaddup!!
I'M STILL SUPPOSED TO GROW A LOT!!
HE'S WORRIED, HUH?
AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU FILLED OUT A BIT. IF YOU DON'T EAT A LOT, YOU WON'T GET ANY TALLER, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE THAT, AREN'T YOU.
YOUR BANGS ARE TOO LONG.
NEE, SOUKI -SAMA .. THE FACT THAT YOU'RE IN JAPAN ..
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO SIDE WITH OUR CAMP?
LATER, THEN.
HOLD IT!
DON'T SNEAK HANUMAN AWAY IN THE CONFUSION.
OH MY. CAUGHT, HMM?
WELL, NOW I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR THAT AN OLD COMRADE OF MINE FROM CHINA..
HAD OPENED A NEW TEA SHOP IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD, AND I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY.
OR WAS IT A PET-SHOP?

THE HIGH PRIEST--
IS KAMISHINA FUUTO THE TRUE HIGH PRIEST--?!!
SO-SOUKI -DONO. YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE.
Hehe
Hehe
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED, GARUDA.

IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, THEN ONE OR TWO CHILDREN LIKE THAT...
WHETHER IT'S TO A MOUNTAIN PEAK IN THE HIMALAYAS OR TO THE THRONE OF DARA-SHAAL...
CARRYING THEM OFF IS A SIMPLE MATTER.
IN THAT CASE, LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING.
BUT... BUT THEN--
THAT BOY'S HEART ...
IS BRIM-MING WITH PRIDE AND HATRED OF HIS OWN POWERS ...
CURSES TOWARDS HIS UN-REASON-ABLE FATE...
AND SUSPICION TOWARDS US GUARDIAN BEASTS.
BESIDES, HE IS DRIVEN BY WORLDLY DESIRES...
AND DOESN'T HOLD ONE ATOM OF CONSIDE-RATION FOR ALL LIVING CREATU-RES.

THE... THERE IS NO HELP FOR THAT. HE HAS LIVED FIFTEEN YEARS IN THIS WORLD.
THE SOONER HE RETURNS TO DARASHAAL, AND THE MORE DAYS HE PASSES IN PURIFICATION...
--IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD BE BEST TO BREAK OFF HIS ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WORLD
HAH?
TO THE MOTHER WHO GAVE HIM BIRTH...
AND THAT HOUSE.
TO HIS FRIENDS, HIS SCHOOL.
AND TO THAT GIRL.

BETTER YET, THIS TINY ISLAND NATION...
SHALL I BURN IT TO ASHES FOR YOU?
SOUKI-DONO--

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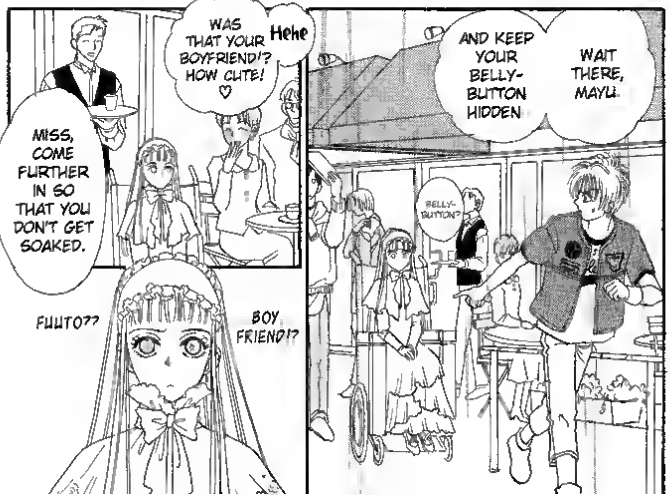
Story 10
The Door to the Throne

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT GUY!?
I TOLD YOU, HE'S A KIRIN
A KIRIN !?
JUST TO BE CLEAR, HE'S THE KIND FROM CHINA, NOT THE AFRICAN GIRAFFE.
Fuuto and Hayu Vixon
STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT SHOULD BE CHINESE OPERA
WHICHEVER, HE'S STRAIGHT OUT OF KABUKI OR TAKARAZUKA.
NOTE 1: IN JAPANESE, "KIRIN" NOT ONLY IS THE WORD FOR GIRAFFE, BUT ALSO "WHICH" THE KANJI IS EXACTLY THE SAME IN BOTH CASES, WHICH IS WHY HAYU FEELS SHE HAS TO EXPLAIN IT.
NOTE 2: KABUKI IS A STYLE OF TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STAGE DRAMA AND TAKARAZUKA IS THE NAME OF A FAMOUS THEATRE WHICH WAS EXACTLY OPPOSITE TO KABUKI, COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF WOMEN

WITH A WAVE OF MY HAND, I COULD TURN THIS MAN-MADE ISLAND INTO ASHES FOR YOU.
SOLIKI-DONO...
STR-ANGE
KIRIN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MILDER, MORE MERCI-FUL BEASTS, BUT...

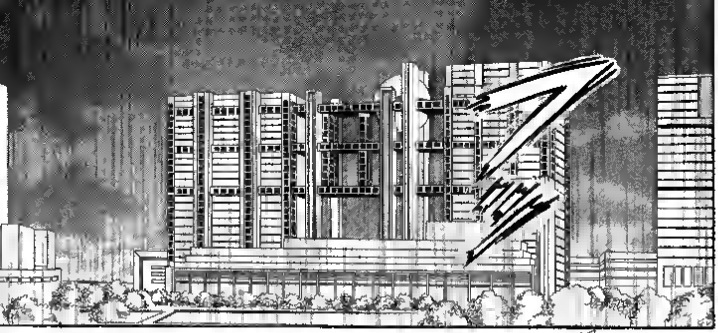


NOTE: JAPANESE SUPERSTITION RELATED TO THUNDERSTORMS. DURING STORMS IN JAPAN, THE THUNDER IS EXPLAINED AS THE RESULT OF THE LIGHTNING GOD POUNDING HIS STOMACH. HE DOES THIS BECAUSE HE HAS NO BELLYBUTTON AND IS LOOKING FOR ONE SINCE HE COULD TAKE YOURS. IF YOU HEAR THUNDER, IT'S SAFEST TO KEEP IT HIDDEN.

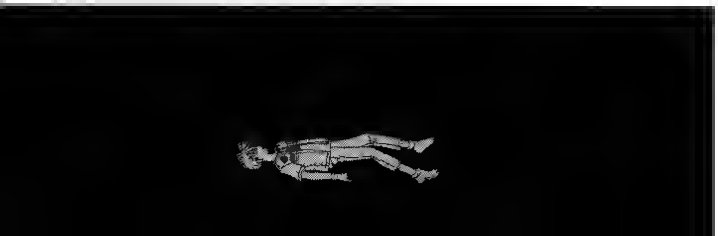
HIGH PRIEST!!
DON'T GET NEAR THAT GUY! HE'S DANGEROUS...
DECK 5
KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY!
OI! KIRIN!!
IS THIS RAIN-AND-LIGHTNING STUFF YOURS!?
WHAT!? FROM GENROU, EVEN-- WHAT ABOUT THIS SKINNY GUY SCARES YOU!?
...AH. OF COURSE THE FASTEST WAY...
...WOULD BE TO DESTROY THIS FAULTY VESSEL, WOULDN'T IT.

YOU'VE THOUGHT SO YOURSELF, HAVEN'T YOU?
RIGHT, GARUDA?
SOU...
...WHA...!?

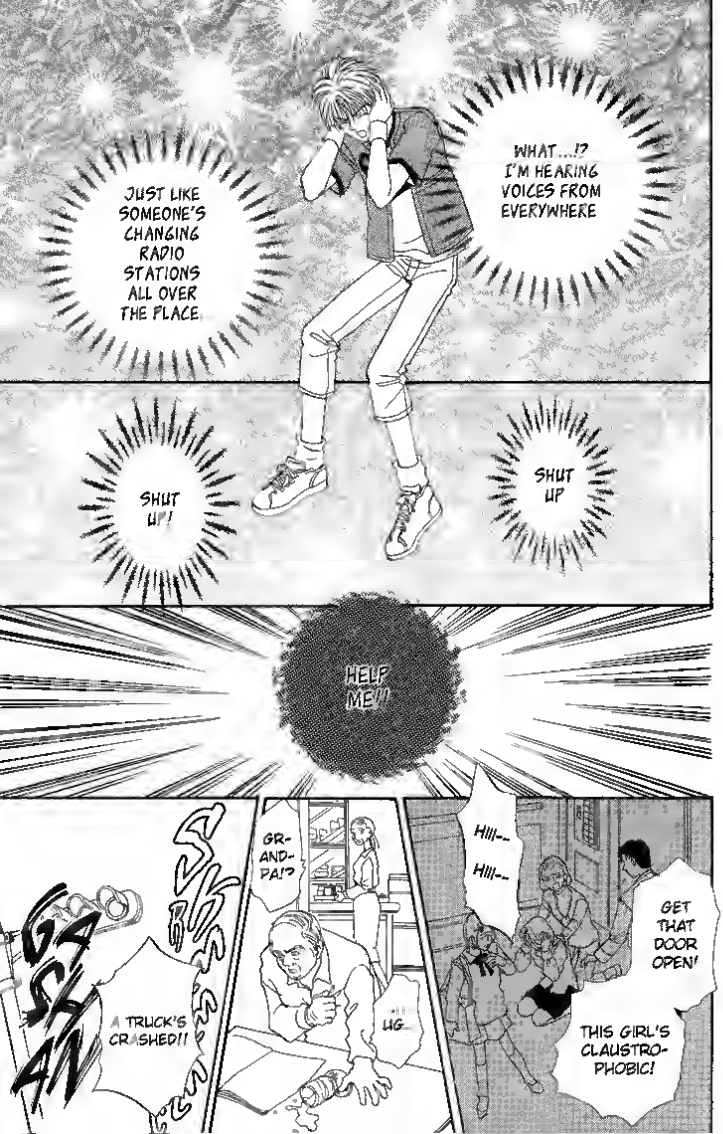
KYAAAAAAA!!
FUU-
TO!?



HEY, LIGHTNING HIT CLOSE BY!
KYAA-AAAA!
NO-- A BLACK-OUT!?



I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING
IT'S PITCH-BLACK...
I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
KYAA!
..HUH!?
WHAT'S THAT!?
I'M GONNA BE LATE...
WHY ARE WE STOPPING HERE!?
HOW'S THE BACK-UP!?
NOOO !!
HIII--
THREE MONTHS' WORTH OF DATA, ALL GONE--
EVERY-ONE, WATCH YOUR STEP!
MA'AM!? PLEASE CALM DOWN!


JUST LIKE SOMEONE'S CHANGING RADIO STATIONS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
WHAT...!? I'M HEARING VOICES FROM EVERYWHERE
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP
HELP ME!!
GA SKA AN
A TRUCK'S CRASHED!!
SSSSS
GR-AND-PA!?
UG...
HIII--
HIII--
GET THAT DOOR OPEN!
THIS GIRL'S CLAUSTRO-PHOBIC!

THE SIGNALS AREN'T WORKING BECAUSE OF THE POWER OUTAGE
HEY IN THERE! YOU OKAY!?
NO GOOD! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS.
OI, THIS IS BAD! THE GASOLINE'S GONNA CATCH-- HURRY AND PULL HIM OUT!
IT'S LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE, IT WON'T OPEN
DON
DON
HEY! GET IT TOGETHER IN THERE! WAKE UP!
NO HELP FOR IT. WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK THE WINDOW ON THE OTHER SIDE
IT'S OPEN.
CLK
!!
PHEW
NOW THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
KID-- HOW DID YOU GET THE LOCK UNDONE?
OH-RIGHT!
HURRY AND GET HIM OUT.

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Ueeeer
Hieeee
UWAAAAN!!
MAMAA!
PAPAA!
HURRY AND HELP THEM!
THE CHILDREN ARE ON THAT BY THEMSELVES!
MA'AM, PLEASE, JUST A MOMENT...
OOO!
YOU'RE THE BIG BROTHER, YOU KNOW? YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK OUT FOR YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
Sniff
U...
UH-HUH...
QUIT CRYING. YOU'RE A GUY, RIGHT?
PRETTY SOON, THE ELECTRICITY WILL COME BACK ON, AND THEY'LL LET YOU DOWN
BUT.. BUT THERE'S LIGHTNING...
HEY, DON'T SWEAT IT. JUST HIDE YOUR BELLY-BUTTON.
R-REALLY!?

SEE YA.
LOOK. IT'S MOVING.
AH- IT CAME ON.
AND FINALLY, WE'RE MOVING AGAIN...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
BY THE WAY WHERE DID THAT BOY COME FROM?
..PRIEST
FULITO.

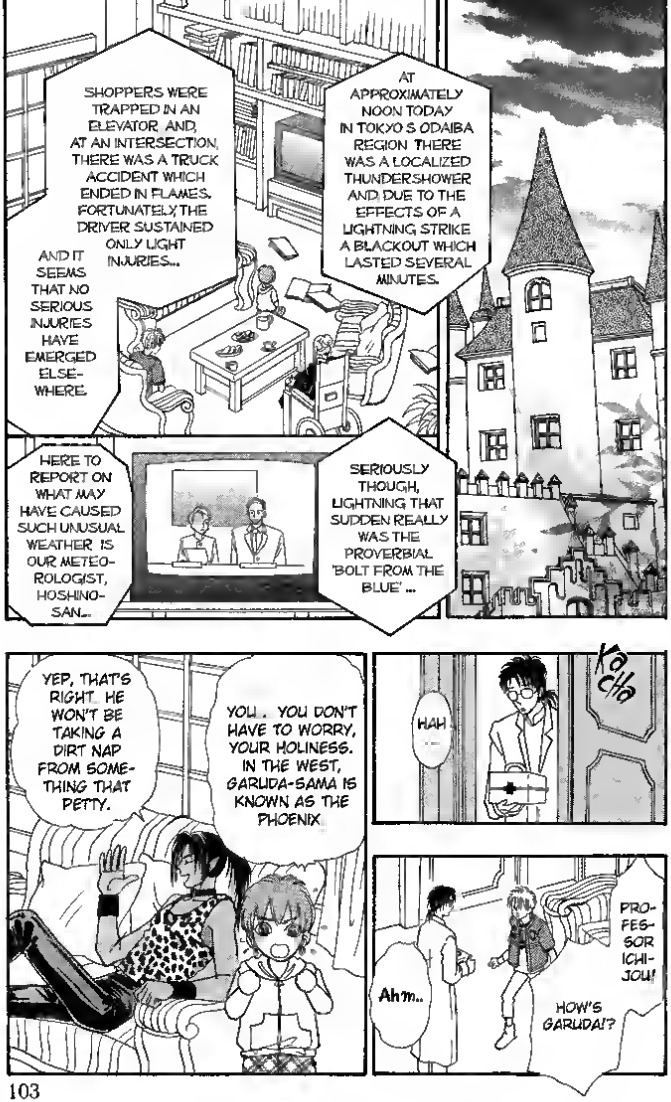
KID!! ARE YOU OKAY!?
HEY! HE'S AWAKE!
FUUTO!
Uh?
YOUR HOLI-NESS!
YOUR HOLI-NESS.
WHAT THE HECK JUST...?
I don't know! I was flying around all over the place
AH... I...
WE'VE CALLED AN AMBULANCE, YOU SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL TO GET YOURSELF CHECKED OVER
YOU GOT ELECTROCUTED BY LIGHTNING AND PASSED OUT.
BIRD!?
THAT WAS REALLY A CLOSE SHAVE. THANKS TO THAT BIRD GETTING IN THE WAY, YOU AVOIDED BEING DIRECTLY HIT, BUT...
SERIOUS-LY, YOUR LUCK IS GREAT.

GARUDA!!
B...CK... THEN
YOU
He He He
ROAST GARUDA...
I BET NAAGA WOULD BE THRILLED IF I BROUGHT HIM THAT AS A SOU-VENIR
.....

OH, MY...?
YOU FINALLY WANT TO FIGHT, THEN?
...YOU FREA-KIN'--
AW, NO!
NOW IT'S AN EARTH-QUAKE!?
SOUKI -DONO, PLEASE FALL BACK, TOO!
OI- CALM DOWN! THIS IS THE WRONG PLACE--

Chara Chara Cha Chaa Rara
NOTE: "MORNING MUSUME" IS A VERY POPULAR, RATHER LONG-STANDING ALL-GIRL J-POP GROUP
Ah
TIME OUT, PLEASE.
Chara Rara
A cell phone?
With a Morning Musume ringy tune no naa.
YES, HELLO?
SOUKI-SAMA
JUST WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN LOITERING AROUND?
IF YOU AREN'T CERTAIN OF THE SHOP'S WHERE-ABOUTS, SHALL I COME TO MEET YOU?
THE TEA IS GETTING COLD, YOU KNOW.
MINOLTA
MY ERRAND'S JUST FINISHED, SO I'LL BE THERE SHORTLY.
....AH.
WE MUSTN'T HAVE THAT, COUNT.
LATER
...FOR WHICH REASON, I'M AFRAID I SHALL HAVE TO BE GOING
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU FREAKIN' ...!!

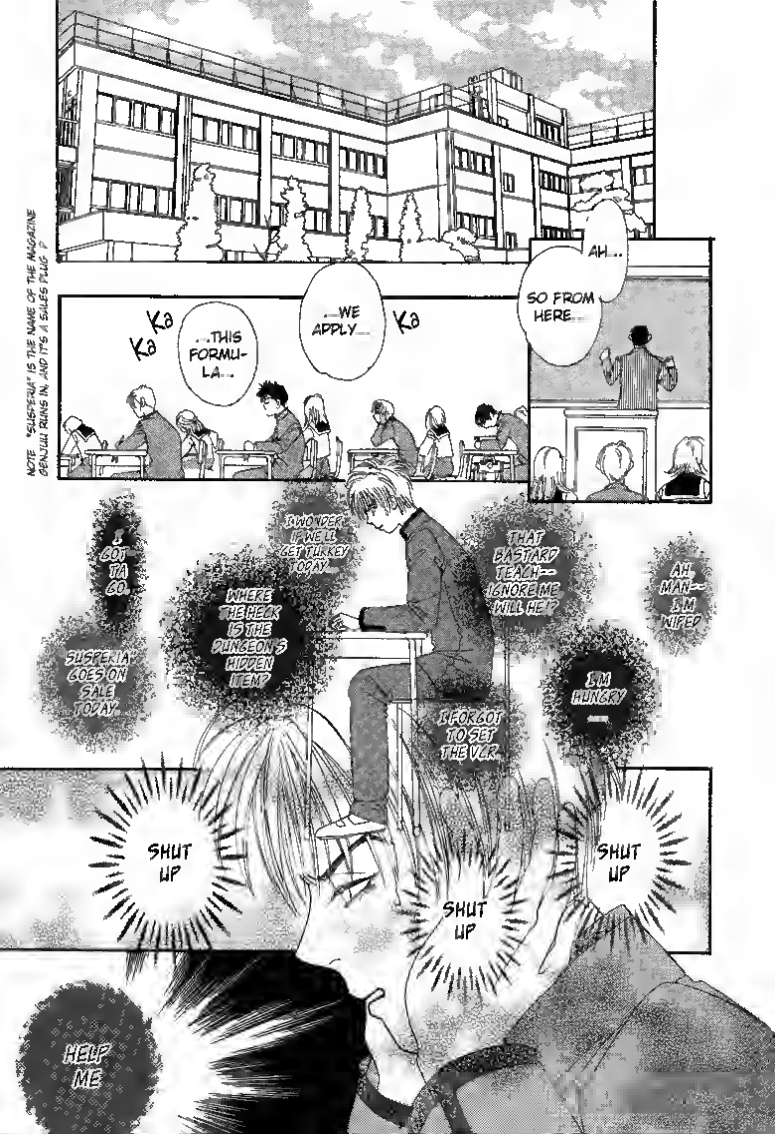
IS... THE HIGH PRIEST... SAFE?
GARUDA !!
YOU SAID WE WERE GONNA FIGHT!!
And geez! Don't just let yourself get taken!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE THE MONKEY!!
AH... REALLY... YOU'RE SO STUBBORN..
..PRIEST...
YOU... YOU'RE ALIVE!?
DECKII
YEA... YEAH, OKAY.
AT ANY RATE, LET'S JUST GO HOME FOR TODAY.
Garuda sama
I... AM... YOUR... GUARD ...IAN BEAST...
MOST... CER... TAINLY.


SHOPPERS WERE TRAPPED IN AN ELEVATOR, AND, AT AN INTERSECTION, THERE WAS A TRUCK ACCIDENT WHICH ENDED IN FLAMES. FORTUNATELY, THE DRIVER SUSTAINED ONLY LIGHT INJURIES...
AND IT SEEMS THAT NO SERIOUS INJURIES HAVE EMERGED ELSE-WHERE.
AT APPROXIMATELY NOON TODAY IN TOKYO'S ODAIBA REGION THERE WAS A LOCALIZED THUNDERSHOWER AND DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF A LIGHTNING STRIKE A BLACKOUT WHICH LASTED SEVERAL MINUTES.
HERE TO REPORT ON WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED SUCH UNUSUAL WEATHER IS OUR METEO-ROLOGIST, HOSHINO-SAN...
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, LIGHTNING THAT SUDDEN REALLY WAS THE PROVERBIAL 'BOLT FROM THE BLUE'...
YEP, THAT'S RIGHT. HE WON'T BE TAKING A DIRT NAP FROM SOME-THING THAT PETTY.
YOU... YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, YOUR HOLINESS. IN THE WEST, GARUDA-SAMA IS KNOWN AS THE PHOENIX.
HAH...
KA CHA
Ahm..
PRO-FES-SOR ICHI-JOU!
HOW'S GARUDA!?

HE SAYS, 'AS I WILL BE QUITE UNSIGHTLY UNTIL MY WINGS REGROW, I WOULD LIKE TO RETIRE FROM HIS GRACE'S PRESENCE UNTIL THAT TIME'.
Erm... ACTUALLY, UM...
...THEN, HE CAN TALK NOW, RIGHT?
BUT SERIOUSLY, CAN YOU REALLY HEAL BURNS THAT TERRIBLE?
GARUDA, YOU'VE THOUGHT THE SAME THING, HAVEN'T YOU?
JUST DESTROY THIS FAULTY VESSEL
SOUKI-DONO DIDN'T GIVE US HIS 'SEAL OF APPROVAL' WHICH MEANS...
I THOUGHT SO... ATISHA-SAMA IS THE REAL ONE, THEN?
DAM-MIT!

A...ANYWAY, HE JUST FLEW IN THERE ON HIS OWN, RIGHT?
MORON! NOBODY ASKED HIM TO DO THAT...!!
FULITO-KUN?
FULITO!?
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!
YOUR HOLINESS!!
DAMMIT...!
DAMMIT!
WATCH THE HELL WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
I...I'M SOR...
IF "I'M SORRY" WORKED WE WOULDN'T NEED THE COPS
WELL HELLO THERE! HE'S LIKE TOTALLY MY TYPE! MAYBE I'LL ASK THIS KID OUT... ♡
VOM

DAM-MIT!!
EVERY FREAKIN' PERSON...
DOKA
EVER SINCE I GOT HIT BY THAT LIGHTNING AT ODAIBA...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY EARS!?
IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF THE "HIGH PRIEST"S POWERS ...!?
...I'VE BEEN ABLE TO READ PEOPLES' MINDS...!!


NOTE: "SUSTEKIA" IS THE NAME OF THE MAGAZINE GENJUU RUNS IN, AND IT'S A SALES PLUG :P
AH...
SO FROM HERE...
...WE APPLY...
Ka
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Ka
...THIS FORMU-LA...
I WONDER IF WE'LL GET TURKEY TODAY.
I GOT TA GO.
WHERE THE HECK IS THE DUNGEON'S HIDDEN ITEM?
THAT BASTARD TEACH-- IGNORE ME WILL HE?
AH, MAN~ I'M WIPED
SUSTEKIA GOES ON SALE TODAY.
I'M HUNGRY
I FORGOT TO SET THE V.C.R.
SHUT UP
SHUT UP
SHUT UP
HELP ME

SAVE ME
SOMEBODY HELP ME...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE...
WHO'S THAT !?
THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO KILL ME TODAY
WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?!
PLEASE SAVE ME!!
DON'T TALK TO ME ANY MORE
SHUT UP
SHUT UP
KAMI-SHINA !!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SOAKED WITH SWEAT..
ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
HAH-

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NO GOTCHA.
IT'S NOTHIN'.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF. DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE INFIRMARY?
OI-OI, PLEASE DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE ON MY WATCH...
KYAAA!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT WAS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR, RIGHT?
COME ON! TAKE YOUR SEATS!
HEY! THEY SAY A FIRST-YEAR GIRL GOT STABBED IN THE HOME EC ROOM--
EH ...!?
WHA...
AND!? WHO STABBED HER!?
YOU KNOW-- FROM THE CHORUS CLUB...
THEY SAID IT WAS SOME KIND OF CAT FIGHT.

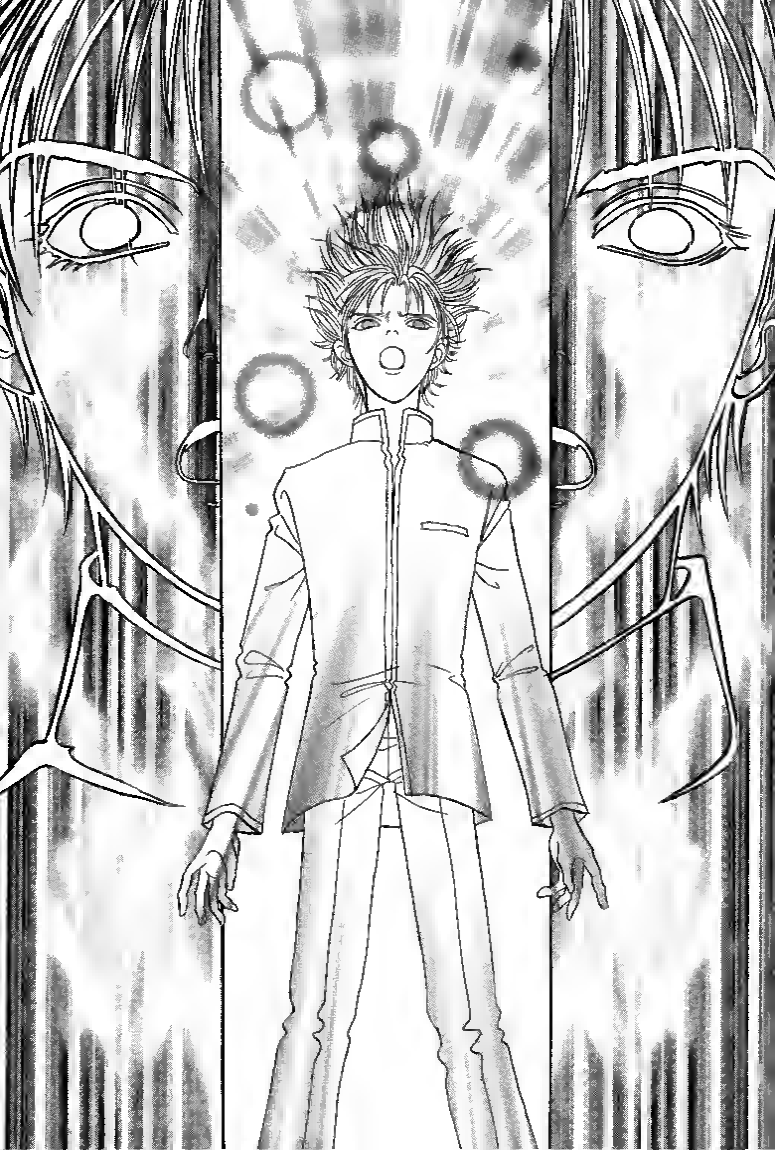
WHOA-- AND THE AMBULANCE AND POLICE CAR ARRIVE IN SYNC.
HEY! EVERYONE BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM!
AH- THEY'RE BRINGING THE INJURED GIRL OUT.
UWAH... SHE'S COVERED IN BLOOD!
HER FACE WAS CUT!? HOW TRAGIC...
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
WAS SHE THE VOICE I HEARD BEFORE...!?
SSH!
NOW IT'S THE KNIFER.
NO WAY! SHE ALWAYS SEEMED SO MATURE...!
THEY SAY SHE STABBED HER REAL GOOD WITH A CARVING KNIFE FROM THE HOME EC ROOM.
...HELP ME.
EH!? OGAWA-SAN, FROM THE SAME CLASS!?
WHY, WHY!? WERE THOSE TWO NOT GETTING ALONG OR SOME-THING!?

IT... WASN'T!!
I... COULDN'T TAKE ANY MORE.
IF I HADN'T DONE IT, THEY WOULD'VE KILLED ME.
SUS-PENDED AT THE VERY LEAST.
SO OGAWA-SAN'S GONNA BE EXPELLED, RIGHT!?
THINK THEY'LL PUT HER IN JUVIE?
THEY WON'T LET HER COME BACK HERE AFTER ALL THIS, WILL THEY?
THE GIRL WHO GOT STABBED... THAT'LL PROBABLY LEAVE A SCAR. POOR KID...
THAT GIRL WAS THE ONE ASKING FOR HELP.
BACK THEN...
I HEARD YOUR VOICE, BUT I...
IF I'D... JUST TRIED TO DO SOME-THING...
...MAYBE NEITHER OF YOU WOULD'VE GOTTEN HURT, BUT I....

WHAT AGAIN?
EH BULLYING?
AND THEY WOULD'VE CHANGED CLASSES SOON...
MUST THINK OF HOW TO RESPOND TO THE MEDIA
OH, MAN THE PTA'S GOING TO BE NOISY AGAIN OVER THIS ONE...
SOMEBODY HELP ME
HELP ME
I WANT TO DIE ALREADY
HELP ME!!
SOMEBODY COME!
IT... IT HURTS...
OWWW

GAHA
FULITO -KUN!?
AH- OI--!?
KAMI- SHINA !?
JUST STOP IT, PLEASE!
... SHUT UP...
SHUT UP.
PLEASE JUST BE QUIET!!
PLEASE DON'T CALL TO ME ANY MORE
BY MYSELF, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO!!
I CAN'T SAVE EVERYBODY ALL AT ONCE, HERE!
BAM

TELL ME WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO!!
I WISH...
I COULD GO SOMEWHERE WITH NO PEOPLE...!!
SOMEPLACE WITHOUT EVEN ONE HUMAN BEING...
TO THE END OF THE WORLD



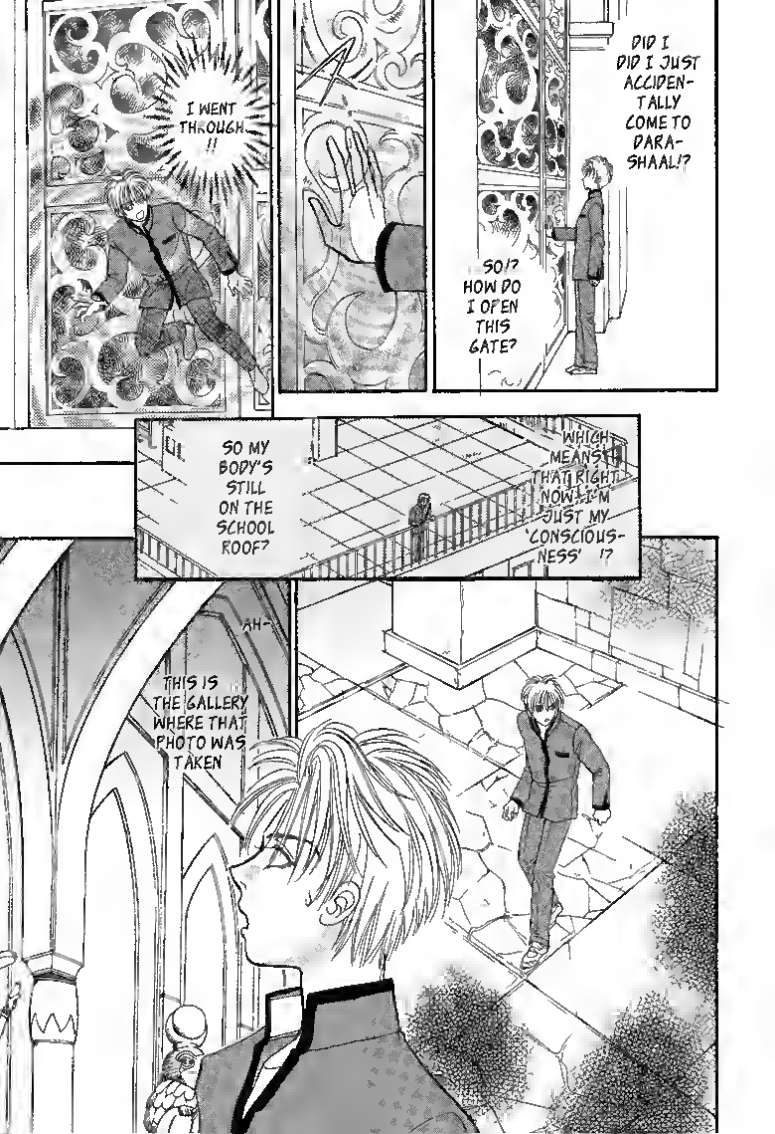
... WHAT THE...!? WHERE...

!!
Grab

THIS IS...
IT'S A DESERT!!
ヒュオオオオオオ
OOO-OOO1!
OOO-OOO-OO1!!
I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
THERE'S... NOBODY HERE

'NOTHING'
....!?
DUKU
THIS IS BAD...
NO WATER, NO RATIONS...
Haa
(zzz)
Haa
I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHICH WAY'S NORTH...
Ha

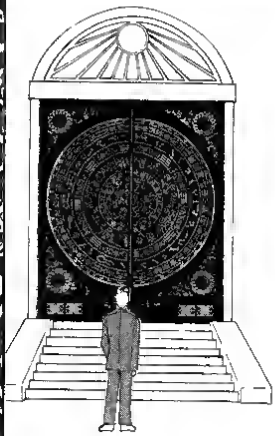
Haa!
Haa!
...THEN--
THIS IS THE CAPITAL OF DARA SHAAL !?
I SAW THIS AT SOU-CHAN'S HOUSE...
THE SAME AS IN DAD'S PHOTOS
THAT ONION DOME!!

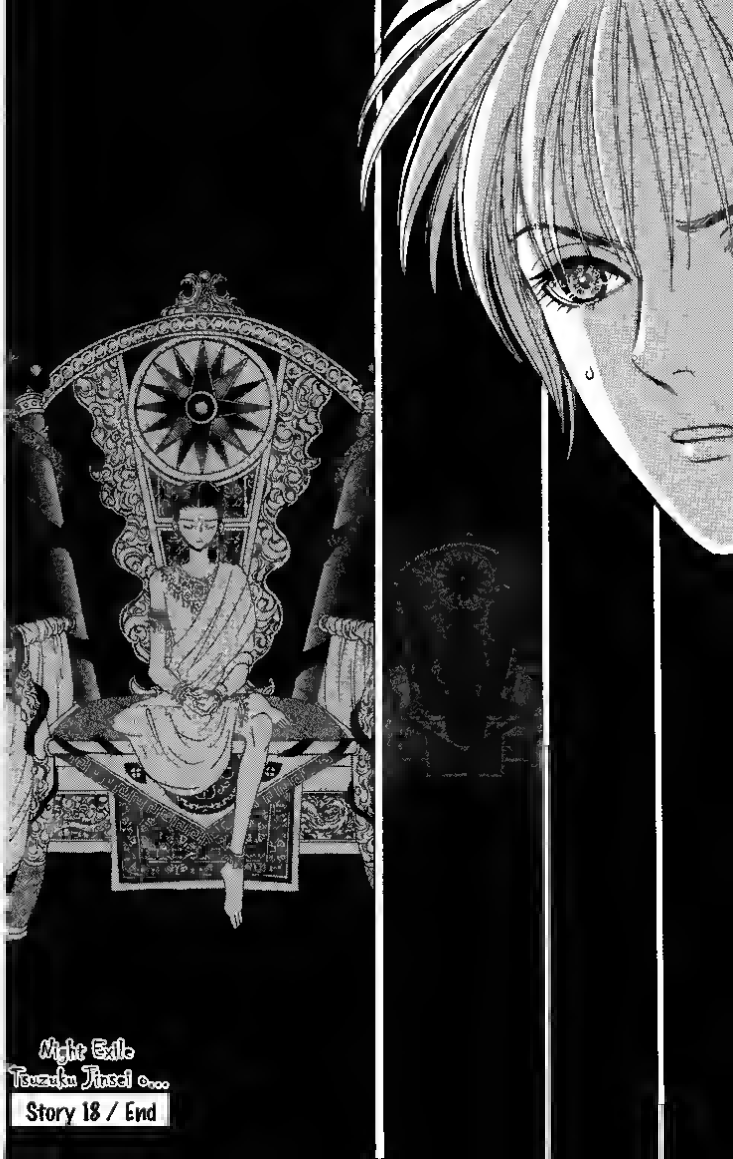

I WENT THROUGH !!
SO!? HOW DO I OPEN THIS GATE?
DID I DID I JUST ACCIDENTALLY COME TO DARASHAAL!?
SO MY BODY'S STILL ON THE SCHOOL ROOF?
WHICH MEANS THAT RIGHT NOW I'M JUST MY 'CONSCIOUSNESS' !?
AH-
THIS IS THE GALLERY WHERE THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN

DAAA-AAD!!
SIDAR STILL HERE!?
DAD!?
OH, RIGHT
DAA-AAAD ...!!
THEY ALL LOOK LIKE SOMEBODY'S BEEN TAKING REALLY GOOD CARE OF THEM, BUT...
THE HALLS...
THE GARDENS...
SOME-HOW...
THIS IS WEIRD...
WHY ISN'T ANYBODY HERE!?
USUALLY, YOU'D THINK THERE'D BE SERVANTS OR GUARDS AROUND.
FLOWERS...
PONDS...

MY
THIS REALLY IS THE DARA-SHAAL GARUDA AND EVERY-BODY KEEPS TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?
THE SUCCESSIVE HIGH PRIESTS' RESIDENTIAL PALACE, RIGHT...?
Ha

IT'S PITCH -BLACK
THIS DOOR
REMEM-BER IT FROM SOME-WHERE...

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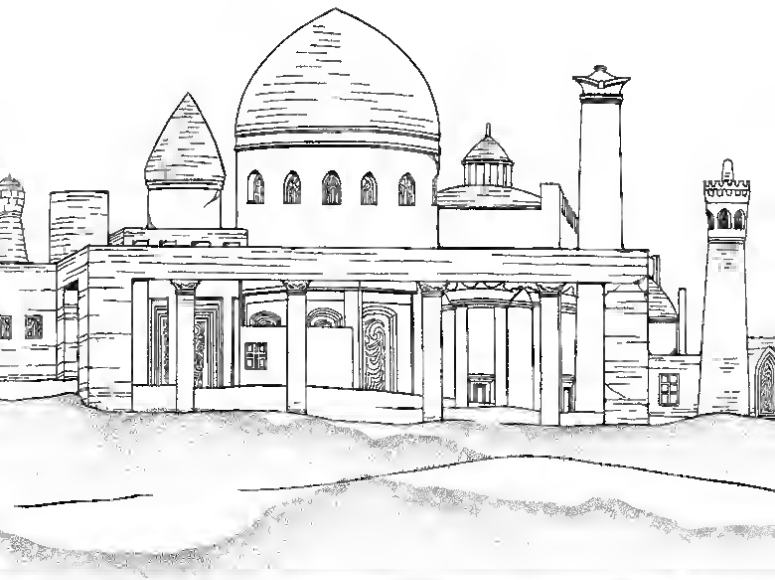

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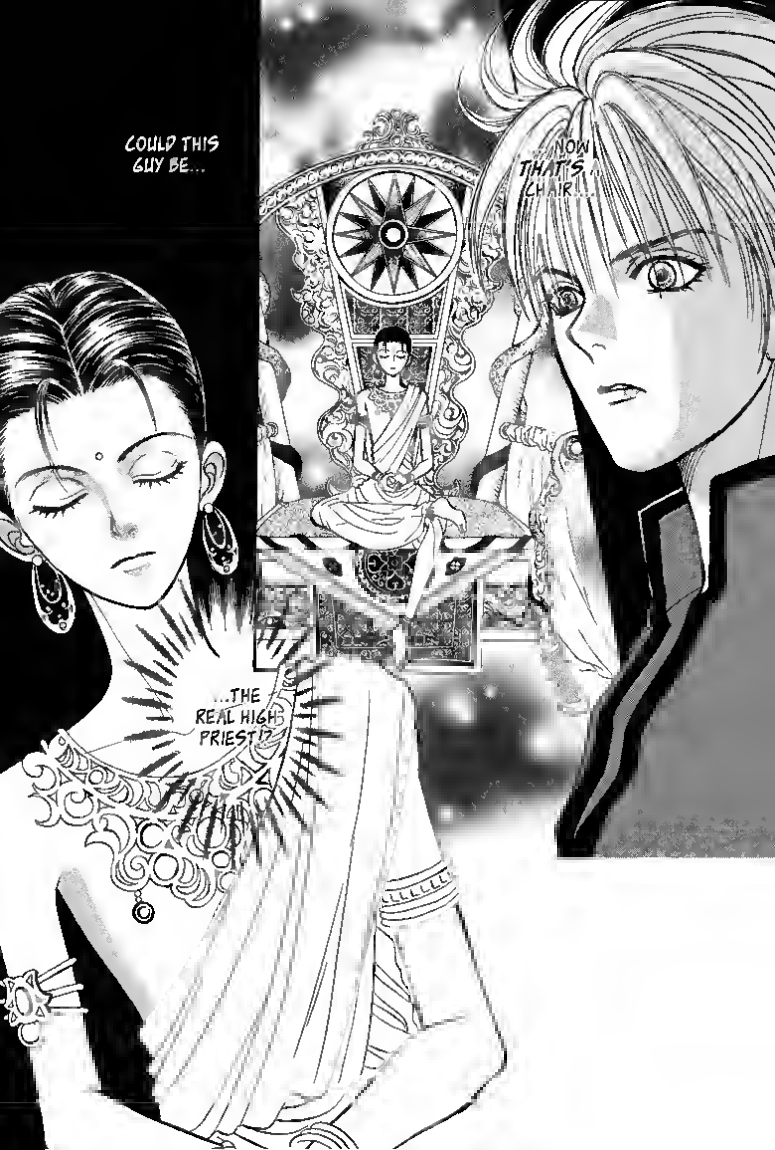
The Two High Priests


COULD THIS GUY BE...
...THE REAL HIGH PRIEST!?
NOW THAT'S A CHAIR!

...SO THIS IS THE "LAST BOSS", RIGHT?!!
WORLD CONQUEST
OI-OI-OI--
I'M NOT READY FOR THIS ONE YET!
USUALLY THERE'D BE A SAVE POINT OR SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE DOOR, RIGHT!?
FOR NOW, GETTING THE HECK OUTTA HERE SOUNDS LIKE THE BEST STRATEGY.
IS SOMEONE THERE?

WERE YOU A TRAVELER LOST IN THE DESERT?
YOU...
.....
DAMMIT! I'M TOAST!
AH... YEAH... THAT.
ACTUALLY, I WAS LOOKING FOR A GUY AND WANDERED IN HERE.
A JAPANESE CAMERAMAN CAME TO THIS CASTLE TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, RIGHT?
.. I'M VERY SORRY I DON'T KNOW.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW?
I HARDLY EVER LEAVE THIS ROOM, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE PALACE.

...NEVER LEAVE... THEN YOU'RE ALWAYS HERE BY YOURSELF?
YES.
I DIDN'T SEE ANY PEOPLE IN THE PARTS OF THE PALACE I WENT THROUGH...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS OR PEOPLE TO TALK TO?
AS I AM THE 'HIGH PRIEST', FRIENDS ARE UNNECESSARY...
THAT'S WHAT NAAGA SAID
NAAGA- THAT LONG-HAIRED GEEZER?
UH... BUT, LISTEN... HAVING FRIENDS AND PEOPLE TO HANG AROUND WITH IS *FUN*, YA KNOW.
.....
...ARE 'FRIENDS' REALLY SUCH A GOOD THING?
BAM
WE... WELL...
IT'S NOT *ALL* FUN...

YOU FIGHT...
YOU'RE RIVALS AROUND TEST-TIME...
AND THERE'S BULLYING, AND TAKING THINGS OUT ON PEOPLE...
AND SOMETIMES BULLYING GETS PEOPLE HURT...
...OR DRIVES THEM AWAY...
...AND SOME PEOPLE KILL THEMSELVES...

*SOCIAL CLASS
I...
IN THE WESTERN MARSHES, I HAVE SEEN NURSING CHILDREN CRYING WITH HUNGER
THIS YEAR IN THE NORTHERN PLAINS, MANY CHILDREN FROZE TO DEATH
THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE WORKED LIKE SLAVES BECAUSE OF THE CASTE* THEY WERE BORN INTO...
AND I SAW A CHILD WHOSE LEG WAS BLOWN OFF BY A LAND MINE
BUT THERE WERE NO CHILDREN WHO'D 'COMMITTED SUICIDE'.

WE... WELL--
MAYBE OUR COUNTRY HAS LUXURY WORRIES, BUT...
BUT FOR THOSE PEOPLE, THEIR PROBLEMS ARE REALLY SERIOUS...
AND THEY'RE HOUNDED BY THEM UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO DIE.
IF THEY WANT TO DIE, IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT THEY DO.
THEY'LL ONLY RETURN TO THE WHEEL OF LIFE.
THAT'S THINKING YOU CAN JUST RESET A LIFE THAT EASILY... ISN'T THAT KINDA RISKY?
THEN YOU SHOULD EASE THEIR WORRIES.

....
--IF I COULD DO THAT, IT'D BE NO PROBLEM.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SO GREAT I CAN PREACH TO EVERYBODY...
AND IT'S NOT MY JOB TO SAVE STRANGERS...
AND WHEN I TRY TO HELP SOMEBODY OUT FOR A CHANGE, IT CAUSES A LOT MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH...
ARGH~~
I CAN'T SAY IT RIGHT, BUT--
BUT..
WHAT I HATE MORE THAN THAT IS THE ME WHO CAN HEAR PEOPLE CRYING FOR HELP AND IGNORE THEM!!

I TOO...
...ONCE THOUGHT THAT WAY
.....
THEY TAUGHT ME JUST HOW IMMATURE MY POWER WAS...
THERE IS NO END TO THE VOICES OF ALL CREATION CALLING FOR HELP
EARS STOPPED...
KEEPING MY SILENCE
...AND I CONTINUE TO PRAY
SO I STAY IN THIS ROOM
WITH EYES CLOSED...

...IN THIS DARASHAAL AT THE END OF THE WORLD.
AH..
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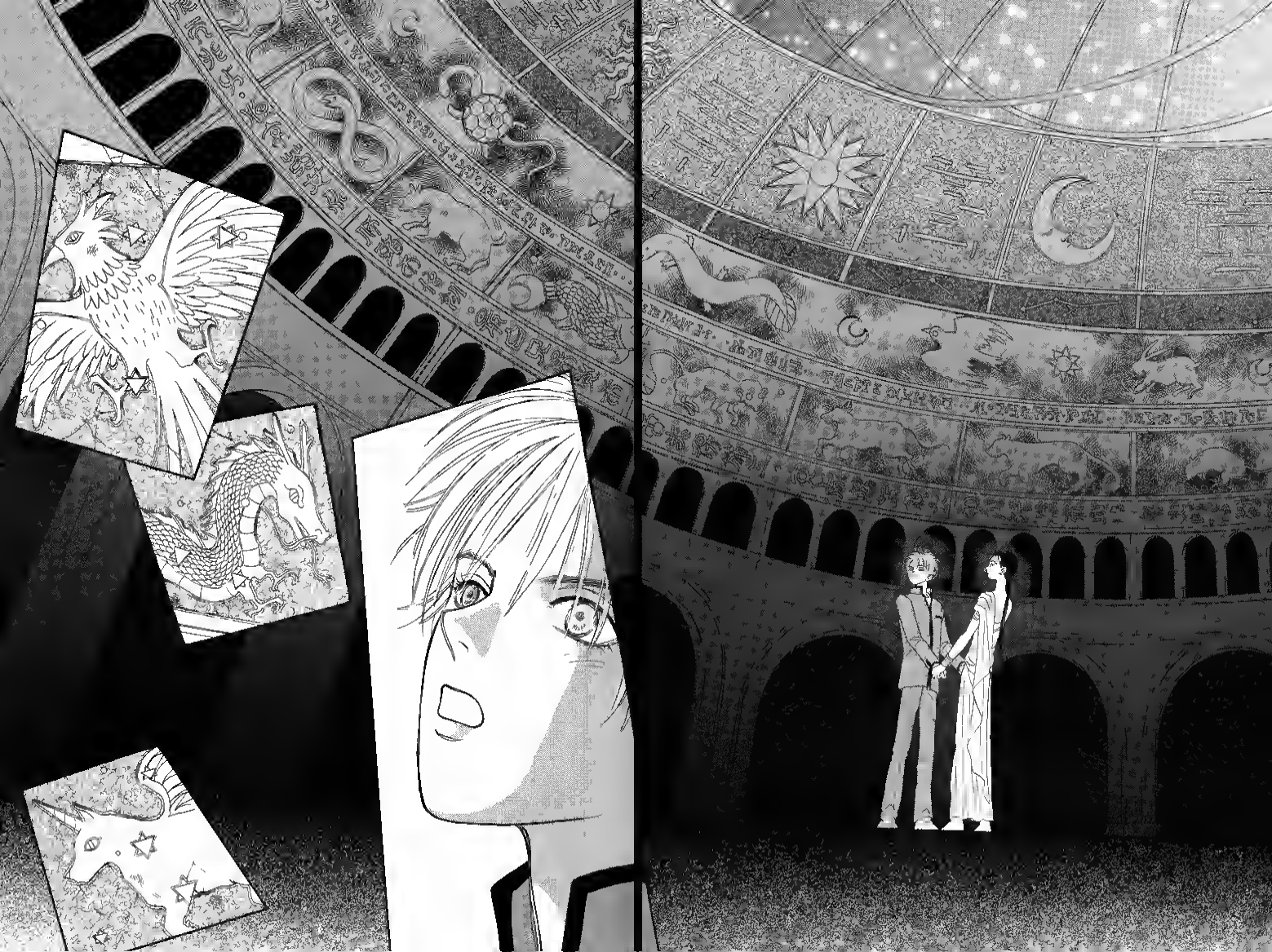
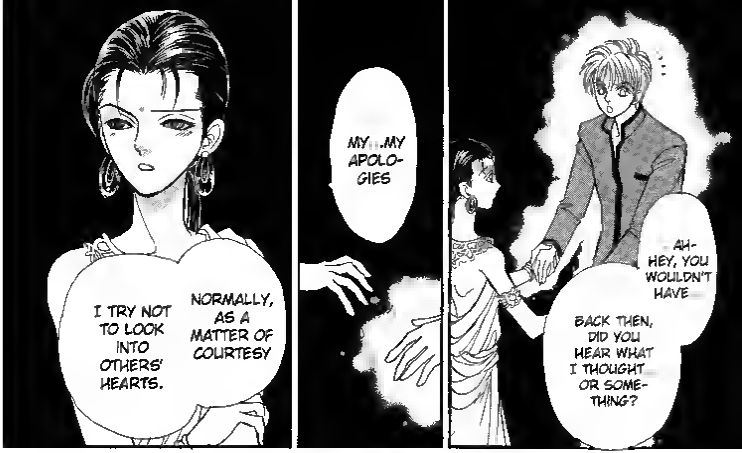
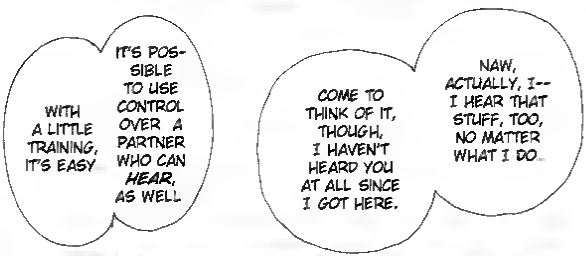



I TRY NOT TO LOOK INTO OTHERS' HEARTS.
NORMALLY, AS A MATTER OF COURTESY
MY...MY APOLOGIES
AH- HEY, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE...
BACK THEN, DID YOU HEAR WHAT I THOUGHT OR SOMETHING?


WITH A LITTLE TRAINING, IT'S EASY
IT'S POSSIBLE TO USE CONTROL OVER A PARTNER WHO CAN *HEAR*, AS WELL
COME TO THINK OF IT, THOUGH, I HAVEN'T HEARD YOU AT ALL SINCE I GOT HERE.
NAW, ACTUALLY, I-- I HEAR THAT STUFF, TOO, NO MATTER WHAT I DO.

PASSING OUT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS, WITH NO CONTROL OVER THE PLACE OR THE TIME, SEEMS ABOUT AS RISKY AS IT GETS.
AH-- IT'S LIKE THAT NOW, TOO.
HEY-- LATELY, I'VE STARTED TO JUST KEEL OVER AND GO OUT OF BODY.
JUST LIKE THE *REAL* ONE!!
WHOA, AWESOME!

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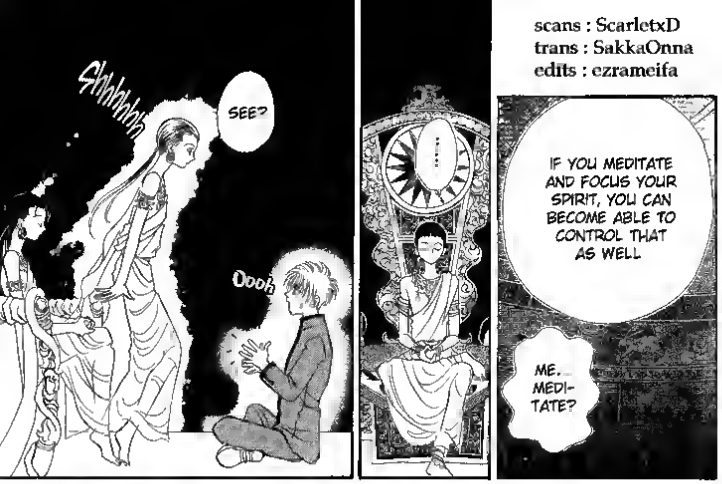


I AS WELL I BEG YOUR PARDON
OH, YEAH... I DIDN'T TELL YOU MY NAME, DID I?
AH..
YOU-'RE
AWE-SOME
I WENT TO THE PLAINS OF MONGOLIA AND THE SHORE OF THE GANGES THAT I SPOKE OF BEFORE IN THIS FORM.
MY NAME IS..
I'M...

ATISHA -SAMA
FUUTO
ATISHA -SAMA YOUR MEAL IS READY
OI- FUUTO! SNAP OUT OF IT!
KAMI-SHINA!?

LATER 'KAY
AH-

WHOA-- SOME-BODY'S CALLING ME FROM MY BODY
I'LL HAVE TO RETURN SOON AS WELL

PROBABLY SOMETIME SOON.
... SURE..
UM...
DO YOU THINK... WE'LL MEET AGAIN?
WE'LL DEFINITELY MEET.

FULITO!!
OOU! HE'S AWAKE!
HOW DO YOU FEEL!?
KAMI-SHINA! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
I'M SO GLAD~~ FULITO-KUN!!
YOUR RUNNING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM LIKE THAT GOT EVERYBODY GOING!
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN ONE SICK JOKE, FULITO!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA GO JUMP OFF THE ROOF OR SOMETHING~~

ATISHA -SAMA
WILL YOU BE TAKING YOUR MEAL IN THE DINING HALL?
EH!?
. .OR SHALL I BRING IT TO YOU HERE, AS USUAL?
EEH!?

I GOT THE WRONG BODY....!!
!
NO WAY!!

AND DOES THIS MEAN ATISHA'S IN MY BODY IN JAPAN...?!!
OH MAN! THIS IS BAD! SERIOUSLY!!
IS SOMETHING NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
...ATISHA-SAMA.
Pokin
...AH...NO... IT'S FINE...
I'VE GOTTA WORK IT SO THESE GUYS DON'T FIGURE IT OUT
Pokin
Pokin
I SHOULD JUST TRY TO PASS MYSELF OFF AS ATISHA LIKE THIS, AND ACT MATURE.
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
Like this?
P-N
P-N
IF I'M FOUND OUT I DUNNO WHAT THEY'LL DO
I MEAN THIS IS KINDA ENEMY TERRITORY

DOES HE ALWAYS DO THIS!?
AND EATING ALONE IN A ROOM THIS HUMONGOUS!?
NO MEAT OR NOTHIN
SERIOUSLY THOUGH. FOR A KING, HIS FOOD IS PRETTY PLAIN
Mng
Mng
NA... NAAGA WHERE IS HE?
UM...OH, RIGHT
YES.
AH... UM... LISTEN.
.....
NOW'S MY CHANCE!!
THE MIDDLE BOSS ISN'T HERE, HUH?
PHEW!
I KNEW THAT.
AH, RIGHT, RIGHT
HU--HUH
NAAGA-SAMA IS MAKING AN INSPECTION TOUR NEAR CHINA THIS WEEK...

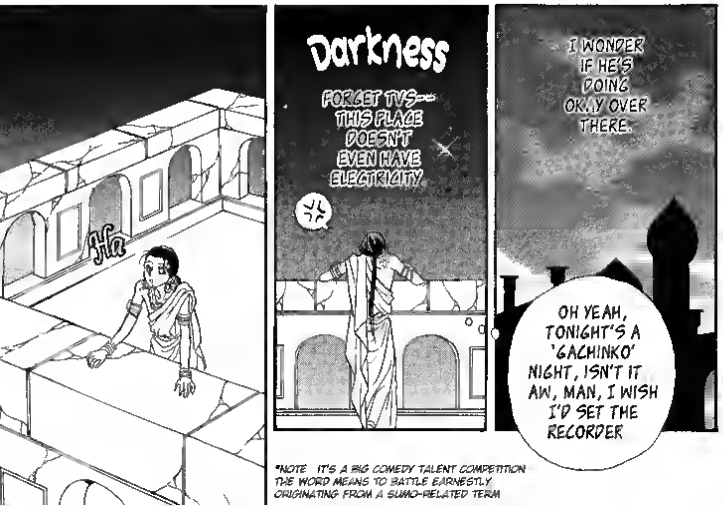
I'LL FIND A LEAD ABOUT DAD WHILE I CAN.
TAKIN' A WALK
ATISHA -SAMA!? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
GaTa
...IF THIS IS THE WORLD WHERE THAT BOY LIVES, I SHOULD TRY TO UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION AND DEAL WITH THIS PEACEFULLY.
AT ANY RATE, I CAN WATCH FOR THE CHANCE TO RETURN TO MY BODY.
SHOULDN'T YOU GO TO THE INFIRMARY AND LIE DOWN?
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY, KAMI-SHINA!?

I'M PERFECTLY FINE NOW.
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED YOU WORRY.
YEAH, YOU DEFINITELY SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
WE'LL CALL A TAXI, SO GO AHEAD AND LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY.
SHOULD I GO WITH YOU?
YOUR HOLINESS!? YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY!?
Tap

HANU-MAN..
GENROU
..WHY ARE YOU HERE..?
WHAT? YOU WERE SKIPPING?
WHA- WHAT IS THIS? YOU'RE FRIENDS OF HIS!?
AH- IT'S THE YAKUZA GUY!
YOU MUSTN'T TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF GARUDA'S ABSENCE.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY THEY'RE OLD FRIENDS AND LOYAL SERVANTS
HAVE YOU COME TO PICK ME UP, THEN? HOW DILIGENT OF YOU.
GABA
HE GOT A FEVER OR SOME-THING!?
WE'RE GOING HOME, STAT!!
Thanks much!
HOW ON EARTH DOES THIS KID LIVE
YOUR HOLINESS! PULL YOUR-SELF TOGE-THER~~

THOSE OLD LADIES MADE TRACKS SOMEWHERE BACK THERE, TOO...
...DAD ...HE'S REALLY NOT HERE.
THERE'S LOTS OF WATER AROUND, TOO.
EVERYWHERE I LOOK, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL, MUSEUM-LIKE PALACE.

...BUT...
SOMEHOW...
...SOME-THING'S WRONG.
TO TRAVELERS LOST AND DYING IN THE DESERT, THIS PLACE REALLY MUST LOOK LIKE PARADISE.
EVERYTHING'S GONE WEIRD.
DO YOU THINK WE'LL MEET AGAIN?
AND ATISHA-- I FIGURED HE'D BE MORE OF A HOLIER-THAN-THOU, SWAGGERING, NASTY GUY, BUT...

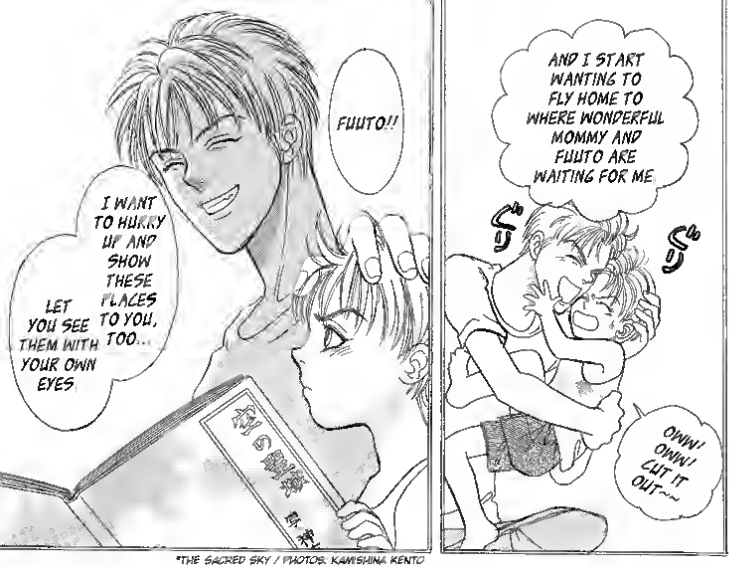

Ha Ha
Darkness
FORGET TV'S--THIS PLACE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ELECTRICITY.
I WONDER IF HE'S DOING OKAY OVER THERE.
OH YEAH, TONIGHT'S A 'GACHINKO' NIGHT, ISN'T IT AW, MAN, I WISH I'D SET THE RECORDER

*NOTE IT'S A BIG COMEDY TALENT COMPETITION THE WORD MEANS TO BATTLE EARNESTLY. ORIGINATING FROM A SUMO-RELATED TERM

AWE-SOME ...
UWAH ...
IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN FLUNG OUT INTO SPACE.
ZOKU
YOU CAN'T SEE STARS LIKE THIS IN JAPAN. EVEN IF YOU GO WAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

HOLD IT
I THINK I'VE HEARD THOSE LINES SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
NN~~
RIGHT !!
WHY DO I ONLY GO TAKE PICTURES OF 'TRACKLESS REGIONS', YOU ASK?
DAD!!
HMM
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT YOURSELF ALL ALONE, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A NATURE WHICH EXCEEDS HUMAN UNDER-STANDING...
YOU GET THIS REAL 'RELIGIOUS' FEELING
WHAT'S 'RELI-GIOUS'?

WHEN I GO TO ONE OF THOSE "TRACKLESS REGIONS", THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT, "IT'D BE OKAY TO BELIEVE IN GOD"
I'M NOT A BELIEVER BY NATURE, BUT...
I START THINKING, I'M JUST ONE BEING ON THIS PLANET EARTH.
CHRISTIAN OR MUSLIM... DRAWING LINES OVER LITTLE DETAILS LIKE THAT SEEMS REALLY, REALLY DUMB.
JAPANESE OR CHINESE...
WHEN I LOOK AT A NIGHT SKY THAT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN FLUNG OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE UNIVERSE...
I EVEN START TO MISS GUYS I HATE.
STUFF LIKE SQUALID CITIES, OR ANNOYING JOBS
THEN, WHEN I'M ALL ALONE IN A DESERT FULL OF NOTHING, WITHOUT THINKING, I START MISSING MANKIND IN GENERAL


FUUTO!!
I WANT TO HURRY UP AND SHOW THESE PLACES TO YOU, TOO...
LET YOU SEE THEM WITH YOUR OWN EYES
AND I START WANTING TO FLY HOME TO WHERE WONDERFUL MOMMY AND FUUTO ARE WAITING FOR ME
OWW! OWW! CUT IT OUT~~

*THE SACRED SKY / PHOTOS: KAMISHINA KENTO

FUU-CHAN, ARE YOU REALLY OKAY!?
YOU AREN'T EATING MUCH...
AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU STAYED UP LATE WATCHING TV...
AND YOU LEFT SCHOOL EARLY YESTERDAY, BUT IF SCHOOL'S THE PROBLEM, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, YOU CAN BE ABSENT.
GOOD MORNING, YOUR HOLINESS.
MOR-NING.
I DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP, SO THIS IS FAIR PUNISHMENT. I MUSTN'T USE IT AS A REASON TO RELAX MY STUDIES.
Accidentally got absorbed in watching TV
THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHT-FULNESS, MOTHER.
YOUR HOLINESS, THAT'S NOT THE ROAD YOU TAKE TO SCHOOL.
OH?
DON'T WANT TO WORRY GARUDA WHILE HE'S RECUPERATING, BUT...
DO YOU THINK IT'S AN AFTER-EFFECT OF THE LIGHTNING STRIKE?
SOMETHING REALLY IS WEIRD.

YOUR HOLINESS, LOOK, THE SIGNAL'S CHANGED.
RIGHT
DON
Wah?
A CHILD'S SPIRIT!?
A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, YOU THINK?
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS RECENT
BUT IF WE LEAVE IT, THE GHOST IS GOING TO BECOME EARTH-BOUND
HE'LL JUST PURIFY IT WHILE HE'S COMPLAINING, DONTCHA THINK?

Sigh
Oi! HOLD IT!
Gui
UH ..UM, YOUR HOLI-NESS?
Top
Top
EH?
RRRR
08/11(Fri)
08:37am
THE KIRIN FROM A FEW DAYS BACK HAS JUST APPEARED AT THE ICHIJOU RESIDENCE...
HANU-MAN?
HELLO?
IT'S MAYU -DONO.
RRR

SOUKI -DONO ...!?
DAMMIT! GARUDA'S STILL IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT--
LET'S GO!
EH?
I'M GONNA THRASH HIM GOOD TODAY, EVEN IF WE BOTH END UP STABBING EACH OTHER
YE-YESSIR.
SPEAKING OF 'SOUKI', I DON'T THINK I'VE MET HIM YET EITHER...

TO BE ABLE TO SEE AN ACTUAL KIRIN SO CLOSE...
IYAAA~~ REALLY, I'M MOVED
EVEN THOUGH YOU THREW THE LIGHTING YOURSELF
I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO PAY YOU A GET-WELL VISIT, AFTER ALL.
GARUDA, YOU COME CLOSER, TOO.
HERE, HANUMAN. I BROUGHT YOU A SOUVENIR EAT UP.
BOISTEROUS AS ALWAYS, AREN'T WE, GENROU.
WOOOF!
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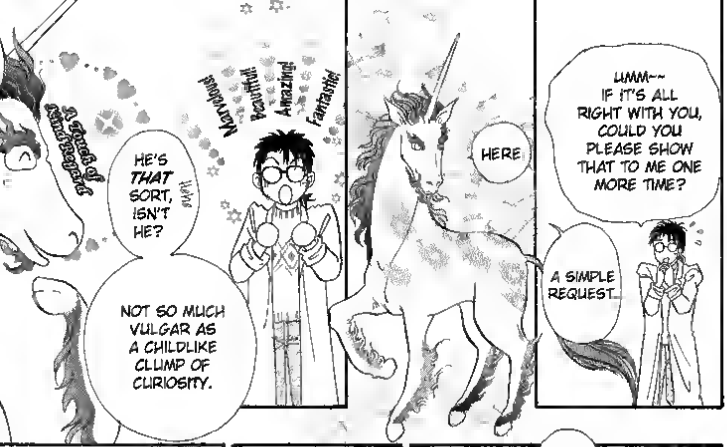
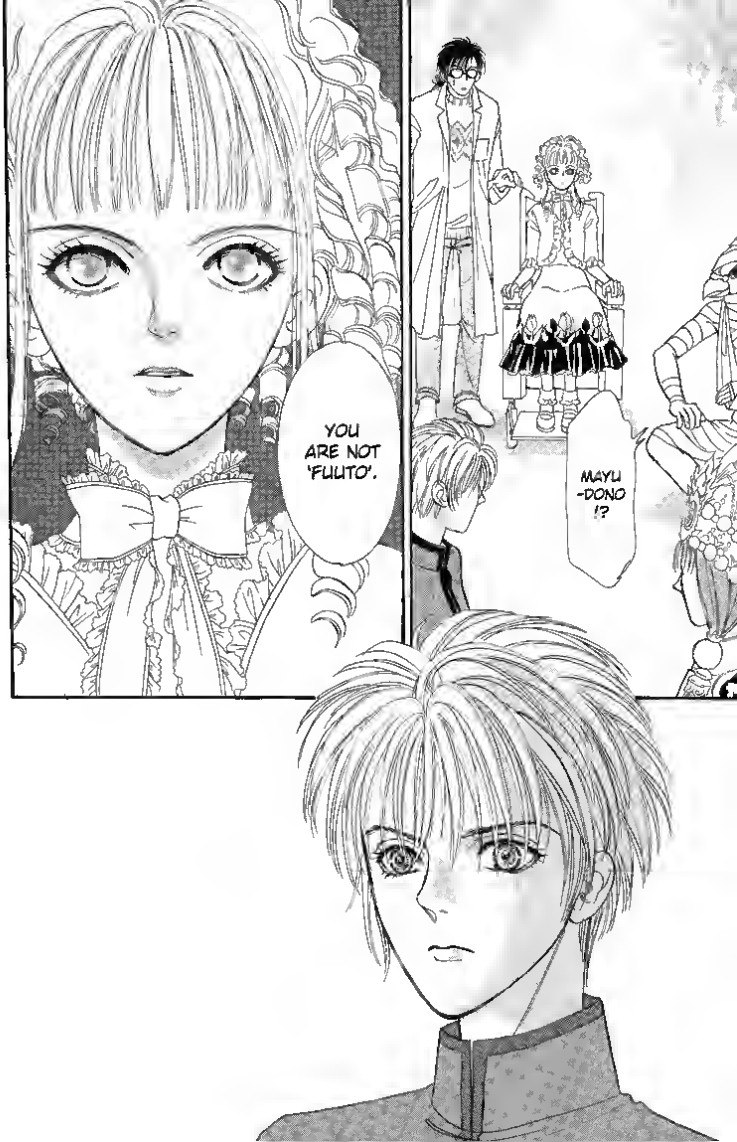
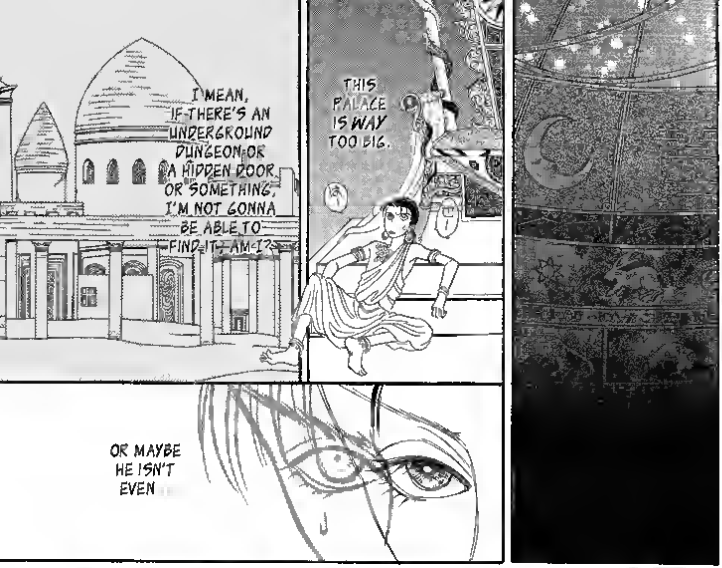

UMM~~ IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, COULD YOU PLEASE SHOW THAT TO ME ONE MORE TIME?
A SIMPLE REQUEST...
HERE
Marvelous! Beautiful! Amazing! Fantastic!
HE'S THAT SORT, ISN'T HE?
NOT SO MUCH VULGAR AS A CHILDLIKE CLUMP OF CURIOSITY.
A group of unicorns!

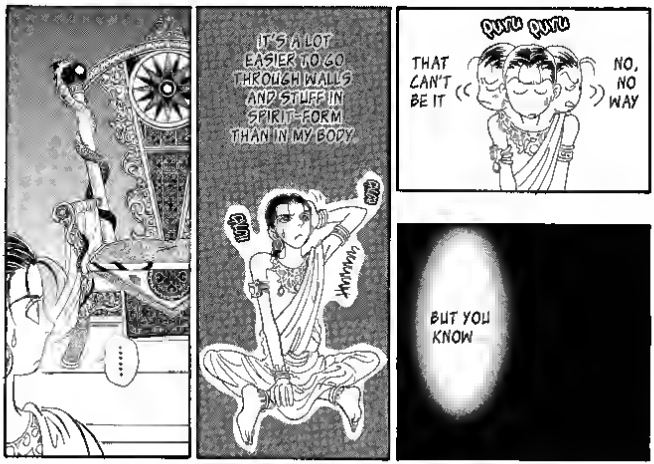
It's not so much that I can't read her mind as that she isn't thinking anything at all.

SOUKI -DONO !?
YOUR HOLI-NESS!
HELLO.
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
WELL, WELL... I MUST APOLOGIZE...

WHO ARE YOU!?
THEN .. FUUTO REALLY IS THE REAL HIGH PRIEST ..!?
SOUKI-SAMA KNEELED
SOUKI -DONO ...!!


YOU ARE NOT 'FULITO'.
MAYU -DONO !?


I MEAN, IF THERE'S AN UNDERGROUND DUNGEON OR A HIDDEN DOOR OR SOMETHING, I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO FIND IT, AM I?
THIS PALACE IS WAY TOO BIG.
OR MAYBE HE ISN'T EVEN


IT'S A LOT EASIER TO GO THROUGH WALLS AND STUFF IN SPIRIT-FORM THAN IN MY BODY.
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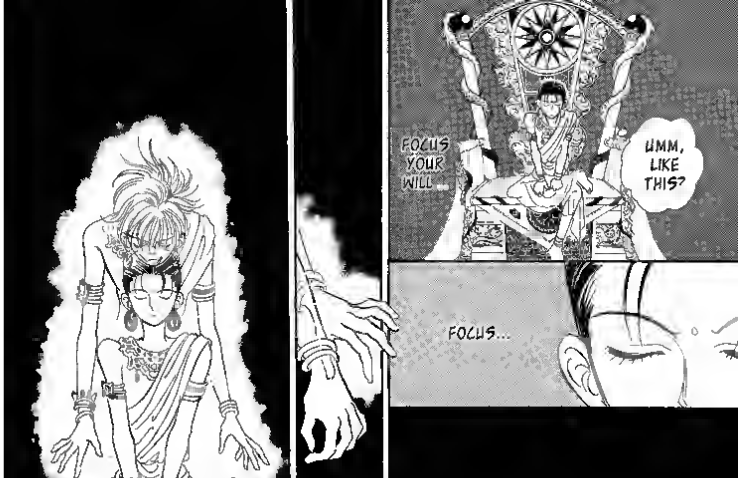
PUTU PUTU
THAT CAN'T BE IT
NO, NO WAY
BUT YOU KNOW


FOCUS YOUR WILL...
UMM, LIKE THIS?
FOCUS...

FEELS GREAT!
HEY, I CAN SO DO IT!
GEH-- AM I GONNA HIT!?
HUH!?

!!
.....
IT FEELS SO COOL ♬
THIS IS AWESOME!
Splash

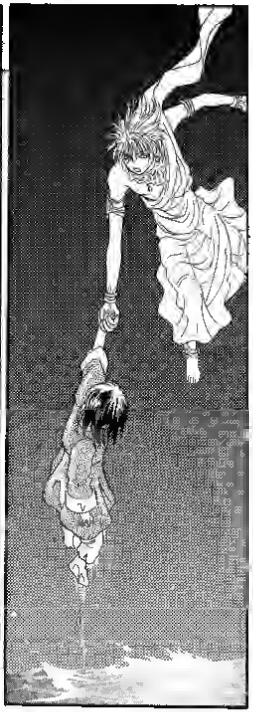
SHEEP.
A PERSON, TOO!
A LONG TIME AGO...
...MOM WOULD'VE BEEN IN THERE, JUST LIKE THAT.

WHAT'S THAT !?
HELP ME!
PLEASE, HELP MEEE!!
IT'S COMING FROM OVER THERE?

THIS IS BAD!!
SONAM!
THERE IS NO END TO THE VOICES OF ALL CREATION, CALLING FOR HELP.
THEY ONLY RETURN TO THE WHEEL OF LIFE.
SO I CONTINUE TO PRAY

SONAM !!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
IT'S BAD! THE BRI-DGE..

SO, YEAH, IN MY HEAD, I UNDER-STAND THAT!



N-NAW, I JUST --
THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU...
SONAM !!
THIS BOY SAVED HIM.
YEAH!
PLEASE, PAY A VISIT TO OUR TEMPLE...
I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR FACE... A MONK ON A PILGRIMAGE, AREN'T YOU.

THAT'S...

HANG ON.
SORRY.
'SCUSE ME!
DAD!!
IT'S ME! FULITO!
EH?
JUST 'CAUSE IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS, YOU FORGOT WHAT I LOOK LIKE!?
DADDY.
HAH!?

WHAT'S WRONG, TINAN?
WEREN'T YOU TAKING A NAP?
WHAT !?
HEY- HOLD IT!
WHAT IS THIS!? WHO'S THAT KID--
ATISHA -SAMA.
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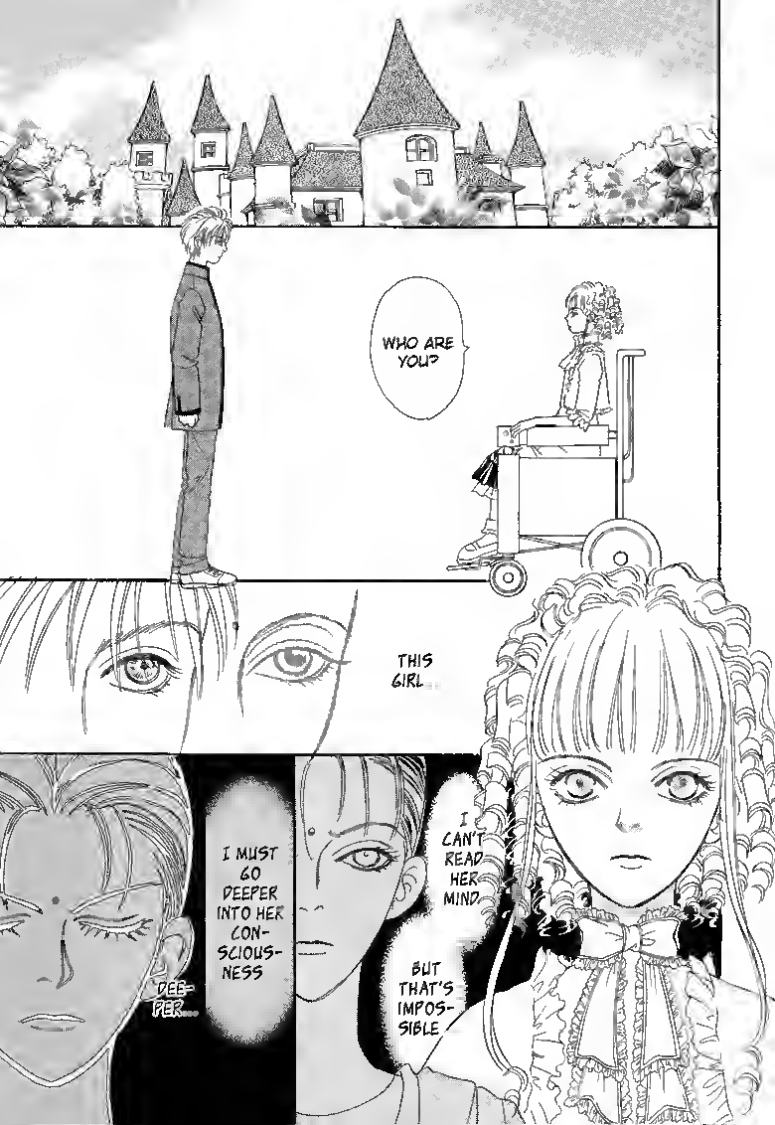
ATISHA -SAMA.
!!
WHO IS IT! NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THIS...!!
...THE HIGH PRIEST...!!
EH!?
THAT BOY... WHAT ON EARTH WAS—
HE-
HE VANISHED!?
AH ...!?
A DREAM!? AN ILLUSION!?

OF COURSE!! THE HIGH PRIEST OF DARASHAAL CAME TO SAVE US!
HE PERFORMED A MIRACLE FOR US!
A NEW HIGH PRIEST ASCENDED THE THRONE JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, IT WAS IN THE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS.
NO!
AND I'M SURE HE WAS STILL A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY.
...DARASHAAL--THE ONE THAT WAS DESTROYED SO LONG AGO..!?
THAT PERSON MUST HAVE BEEN THE HIGH PRIEST OF DARASHAAL.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
...HIGH PRIEST...?
TINAN.
DADDY!
REALLY, THOUGH THAT BOY
WHO'S "FUUTO" ....?
NO, NO.
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, SENSEI.
OH, COME ON! YOU WERE SLEEP-WALKING AND GOT THE WRONG PERSON AGAIN!?


WHO ARE YOU?
THIS GIRL...
I CAN'T READ HER MIND
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
I MUST GO DEEPER INTO HER CONSCIOUSNESS
DEEPER...

ATISHA -SAMA.
FUUTO
ATISHA
FUUTO !!

HIGH
PRIEST

ズン！
ドサッ
……

...
UH. HUH?
MAYU.
...FUUTO
YOUR HOLINESS!?
FUUTO-KUN?
HIGH PRIEST!?
AAAH~~!!
I'M BACK!!

HAHA... I SEE...
...AH- YOU!! YOU'RE THE GUY WHO...
AND NOW YOU SHOW UP HERE!? HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO KICK YOUR BUTT BEFORE YOU GET IT!?
YOU WANNA GO!? C'MON!!
IT- IT'S HIS HOLINESS.
YE... YEAH!!
HIGH PRIEST!? WHAT ON EARTH...!?
THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW!
...AH- RIGHT!
Waaaaaaa!
WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO!?
DON'T GET ALL CLINGY!

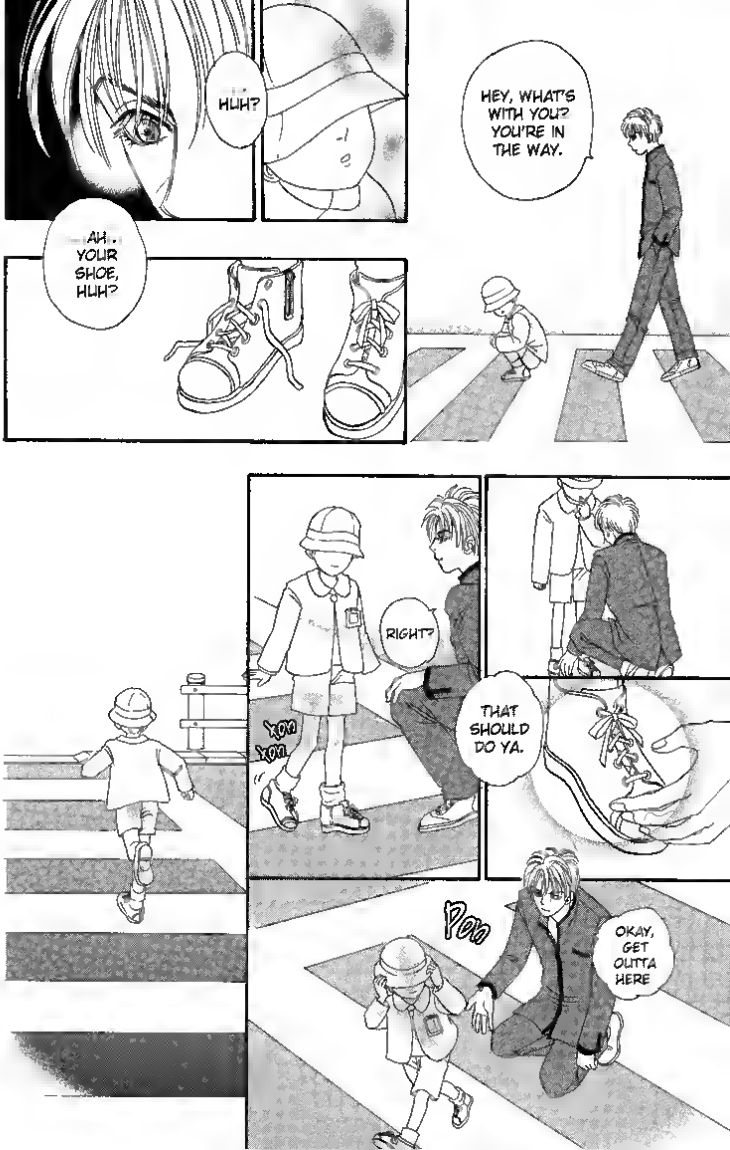
FIGURES HE'D NEGLECT US FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THAT!
THAT PERVERT DAD!!
AND HOW WAS YOUR FATHER?
'D... DAD', YOU SAY... THAT WOULDN'T BE MISTER KAMISHINA KENTO, WOULD IT?
I AM ABSO-LUTELY NOT FORGI-VING HIM!!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
HOW THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO MOM!?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO BREAK THE HOUSE AGAIN!?
FUUTO! CALM DOWN.
HIGH... HIGH PRIEST? UM...
And that's when you leave your body, go drifting around, and can't even get back on your own.
You don't say...

HEY, I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE GONE!!
RIGHT! RIGHT!
I'VE DECIDED.
FOR THE PRESENT, I WILL REMAIN HERE.
Eeeeeeeeh
PROFE-SSOR~~
IT'S A VERY UNTIDY HOUSE, BUT PLEASE STAY HERE FOREVER. ♡
...UG-
MY ..
MY STOMACH HURTS..
GARUDA-SAMA!?
DID YOUR WOUNDS REOPEN !?
DARASHAAL'S HIGH PRIEST SHOULD BE A MUCH MORE BENEVOLENT PERSON
U-FU-FU... YOU'RE SO COLD.
I DON'T NEED YOU TELLING ME THAT!

ATISHA -SAMA
...
...YOU WENT OUT FOR AN EXCURSION THROUGH MEDITATION AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU.
...I KNOW THAT.
I'VE MENTIONED IT BEFORE. IF YOU TRAVEL FAR IN SPIRIT FORM, THE TOLL ON YOUR BODY IS GREAT.
THAT, AND IT WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU TO AVOID RECKLESS CONTACT WITH HUMANS ..

DISPENSING AID TO ALL CREATION IS A POINTLESS ACT, YOU KNOW.
I KNOW THAT, NAAGA.
...I KNOW..

DAM-MIT~~
I'M EVEN GONNA BE LATE FOR SECOND PERIOD
GARUDA! IF YOU CAN'T FLY, THEN DON'T COME LIMPING AFTER US!
patapata
TH!... THIS IS NOTHING...
...AND-
WHAT'S WITH THE SHRIMP OVER THERE?
MAN, THIS'S ANNOY-ING.
Ch!
GENROU, TAKE THIS AND GO ON AHEAD
AH? OH-YEAH


HUH?
HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
AH.. YOUR SHOE, HUH?
RIGHT?
THAT SHOULD DO YA.
OKAY, GET OUTTA HERE

HANUMAN, WHAT!? I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET ALL CLINGY!
Ebeng
AGH-- LET'S GO!
BEEP! BEEP!
AS YOU COM-MAND
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